

Gecas branded a war criminal by libel case judge

By MICHAEL HORNELL

ANTON GECAS, the former platoon commander of a Lithuanian police battalion under German occupation who settled in Edinburgh after the second world war, was branded a war criminal by a Scottish law lord yesterday.

Mr Gecas, aged 76, lost his £600,000 defamation action in the Court of Session in Edinburgh against Scottish Television, which accused him in a 1987 documentary of involvement in the murder of thousands of Jews.

In a written judgment at the end of a three-month case, Lord Milligan said he was satisfied that Mr Gecas took part in many operations involving the killing of Soviet citizens, including Jews, and that the allegation that he was a mass murderer had been proved. The hearing made Scottish legal history when the court sat in Lithuania to hear evidence.

The outcome of the case will be studied by special Crown Office and Scotland Yard war crimes units set up last year under the War Crimes Act, which extends jurisdiction for crimes committed on foreign soil to those who subsequently have become British citizens.

The Scottish Office said last night: "The lord-advocate is aware of the allegations against Mr Gecas, but the question of a criminal prosecution is a separate matter and is not determined by a decision in the civil court where the issues and the standard of proof are different."

David Jack, Mr Gecas's



Scott: "I have always been confident"



Tomlinson: researched the TV programme

solicitor said he had discussed the judgment with his client, but refused to comment on Mr Gecas's reaction or disclose his whereabouts. Mr Jack, who said an appeal was being considered, added: "The position is that the judgment is very young. It is very lengthy and we are having to read the thing very carefully."

It is understood that Mr Gecas has no assets and employed his lawyers on a "no-win, no-pay basis". Scottish Television, which is insured against legal action, estimated its costs at £650,000. A spokesman said: "We have not yet decided whether to pursue the matter of costs."

Mr Gecas, of Moson Terrace, Newington, Edinburgh, sued the company after the screening of its documentary *Crimes of War* by reporter Bob Tomlinson. Mr David Scott, the programme's executive producer, said: "I've always been confident of the outcome. *Crimes of War* was made because we felt the public had a right to know that suspected war criminals were living in Britain and, until the film was shown, had no fear of prosecution."

In his 192-page judgement, Lord Milligan said Mr Gecas "participated in many operations involving the killing of innocent Soviet citizens, including Jews, in particular in Belarus during the last three months of 1941, and in doing so committed war crimes against Soviet citizens who included old men, women and children."

He added: "I further hold it proved that the pursuer [Mr Gecas] was the platoon commander of the 12th Auxiliary Police Service Battalion and that that platoon participated specifically in six operations. It inevitably follows that the pursuer committed war crimes against innocent civilians of all ages and both sexes in the course of these specific operations, it not being in dispute that he was in active command of his platoon throughout the period."

According to Efraim Zuroff, director of the centre in Jerusalem, the real number of Nazi collaborators who fled to England is at least 500, of whom more than 100 came from Gecas's police battalion. The irony that so far only Anton Gecas has appeared in court in a libel action brought by him — is not lost on Mr Zuroff.

He said by telephone from Jerusalem yesterday: "We anticipate and hope that Gecas will be indicted. We want to see him brought to trial."

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Windows were boarded up on the small parade of shops against the possibility of further attacks while representatives of the local community asked those who joined the mob not to cause further damage. The pleas appeared to have fallen on deaf ears yesterday afternoon when a 60-strong crowd taunted police with chants of "Murderers, murderers", and hurled bottles at an armoured van. One man in his early twenties was arrested after beating his fists against the side of the van.

Dennis Street, president of the Hartcliffe Community Association, said it was not a lawless area. "Taking away the few facilities there are here only hits those who are old or have no transport to get elsewhere," he said, referring to the riot damage.

The riot on Thursday night began shortly after pub closing time when a petrol bomb was thrown into the local community centre. Police called to the scene decided to withdraw for 15 minutes until reinforcements arrived. During the trouble, which lasted less than 80 minutes, a dozen shops were attacked and some of them were looted.

"Order was restored very quickly on the arrival of police in some numbers. They dispersed rather than get arrested," said a police spokesman. Two men, however, were detained.

The estate, which houses 12,000 predominantly white working-class people, is both run-down and poor with a high crime rate but no reputation for violence, unlike the inner-city area of St Paul's. The residents, however, have been known to take the law into their own hands. A few weeks ago a crowd of around 100 forced a convicted sex attacker to leave his home.

Relationships between the police and the community are good, with initiatives to prevent crime and reduce drug taking and solvent abuse proving successful. "There is very much a sense of shared objectives in the area," John Harland, the deputy chief constable, said.

On Thursday there was an air of disappointment that the estate had been turned down for special funding under the government's City Challenge programme. Most saw that as a greater threat to stability in the area than a minority's outburst of anti-police feeling.

More than 100 wreaths and floral tributes were laid on the spot where the two men died. The one from Mrs Margaret Starr, 62, bore the blunt sentiment: "To my darling son who was murdered on this spot."

Few shared her sentiments. Jeanette Buck, mother of Keith, pleaded with local people not to give vent to their frustration. "It's only an excuse for people here to cause trouble. I don't want Keith remembered this way. I want the violence to stop. I couldn't face another night of that."

Two teenagers arrested on Thursday night appeared before Bristol magistrates yesterday. Barry Carter, 17, of Withywood, and Dean Cherry, 19, of Hartcliffe, were both charged with threatening behaviour or using unlawful violence. Both were granted unconditional bail.



War criminal: Anton Gecas after losing his £600,000 case yesterday

NEWS IN BRIEF

Worker wins action over pesticide risk

A man suffering from a rare form of stomach cancer yesterday won a £50,000 out-of-court settlement from his former employer, Rentokil, in what is claimed to have been the first successful claim for compensation for cancer caused by pesticides.

Barry Yates, who lives in Clwyd, North Wales, worked for Rentokil applying the chemicals lindane and p-chlorophenol as part of the company's standard wood-preserving treatments. He started his claim when he was diagnosed as having stomach cancer four years ago. Yesterday his legal representative, Alan Care, called for the chemicals to be banned.

A spokesman for Rentokil said the company objected to the settlement, which had been insisted upon by the company's insurers. Mr Care said: "We have many other claims for compensation pending from other people who have been made ill by these chemicals."

Pindown staff sacked

Barry O'Neill, the former director, and senior management of Staffordshire social services, were blamed yesterday for the notorious pindown scandal in which children were kept in solitary confinement. A report of a special internal disciplinary committee chaired by Alan Levy, QC, found that pindown was based on the "worst elements of institutional control" and that the system was "unethical, unprofessional and unacceptable". Mr O'Neill has already resigned. As a result of disciplinary hearings against 12 members of staff, five social workers in managerial positions had been dismissed, two more had resigned before action could be taken against them and one was given a final warning. The remaining four, who were more junior and were unqualified, had been returned to duty.

Man died after errors

A coroner criticised a Coventry hospital for errors that led to the death of a man who had complained of sore throat. David Sarginson, the city coroner, said standards at Walsgrave Hospital had fallen to an "unacceptably low level" on the day John Wilson, 38, was admitted. Mr Wilson had been examined in a room so small his wife, Diana, had to stand in the doorway. When he collapsed, Mrs Wilson had to run for a nurse, and emergency treatment was hampered by missing staff and equipment. A doctor had produced a scalpel from his pocket as nurses fumbled to find one. Mr Wilson, whose son throat and breathing difficulties had been caused by a rare blood clot that had occurred normally, died accidentally after a series of errors "all preventable as indeed was his death", the coroner said.

Protest at fish policy

John Major, right, yesterday ran into protests from fishermen when visiting Cornwall, whose economic life depends heavily on their industry. Fishermen oppose the policy of confining them to harbour for a large part of the year, and one expressed his views to the prime minister so volubly that police hauled him away. Mr Major was visiting Penzance to see a ship repair yard that does work for the defence ministry. Angry fishermen from Newlyn greeted him with placards. Jeremy Jones, 27, was bundled away by police. The fishermen were protesting against new fish conservation rules backed by the government that might put them out of business. Leading article, page 17



Lorry hit parachutist

A parachutist who died when he was hit by a lorry after landing on a busy dual carriageway probably miscalculated his landing path, an inquest at Ipswich, Suffolk, was told yesterday. Tony Butler, a British Parachute Association technical officer, said that an association board of enquiry could find no fault in the equipment used by Stephen Cole, of Shepherd's Bush, west London. Mr Cole jumped with three friends from 10,000ft aiming to land on a 25-metre target at Ipswich airport. They fell for more than 7,000ft for 50 seconds practising formations and reaching a speed of 120mph before opening their chutes. But while his colleagues, who were more experienced, landed safely, Mr Cole dropped 720 yards away on the A45 at Nacton. The jury recorded a verdict of death by misadventure.

Bomb hoaxer jailed

An east London man was jailed for four years for a hoax bomb call two days after a bomb attack at London Bridge in February. Bernard Docherty, 42, of Stepney, a former chef, told Scotland Yard he was a member of the IRA and that a device was about to explode at London's Victoria underground station. Southwark Crown Court heard the operator kept Docherty talking long enough for police to trace his 1.40am call to a telephone box in Bethnal Green and arrest him. Docherty admitted communicating false information with intent. Judge Gerald Butler QC said that people who made hoax bomb calls would inevitably be sent to jail.

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Economy car hits world record of over 7,000 mpg

Kevin Eason finds that the motorist's dream of a super economy car is still miles away from reality in the showroom

MOTORISTS whose dream is to make a gallon of petrol last for a year's motoring would envy a team of students from Lycée St Joseph la Jolivière, in Nantes, France, whose car trundled round Silverstone race circuit, Northamptonshire, at an equivalent of 7,591 miles to the gallon, a world economy record.

Their frugal car contrasted with Nigel Mansell's exploits on the same track last week. While the French team managed to put-it-to-a top speed of almost 15mph, Mansell averaged 140mph but his Williams Renault gulped fuel down at a gallon every 4.5 miles.

The tiny buggy, looking more like a space age pram than a car, was among challengers competing in the Shell Mileage Marathon.

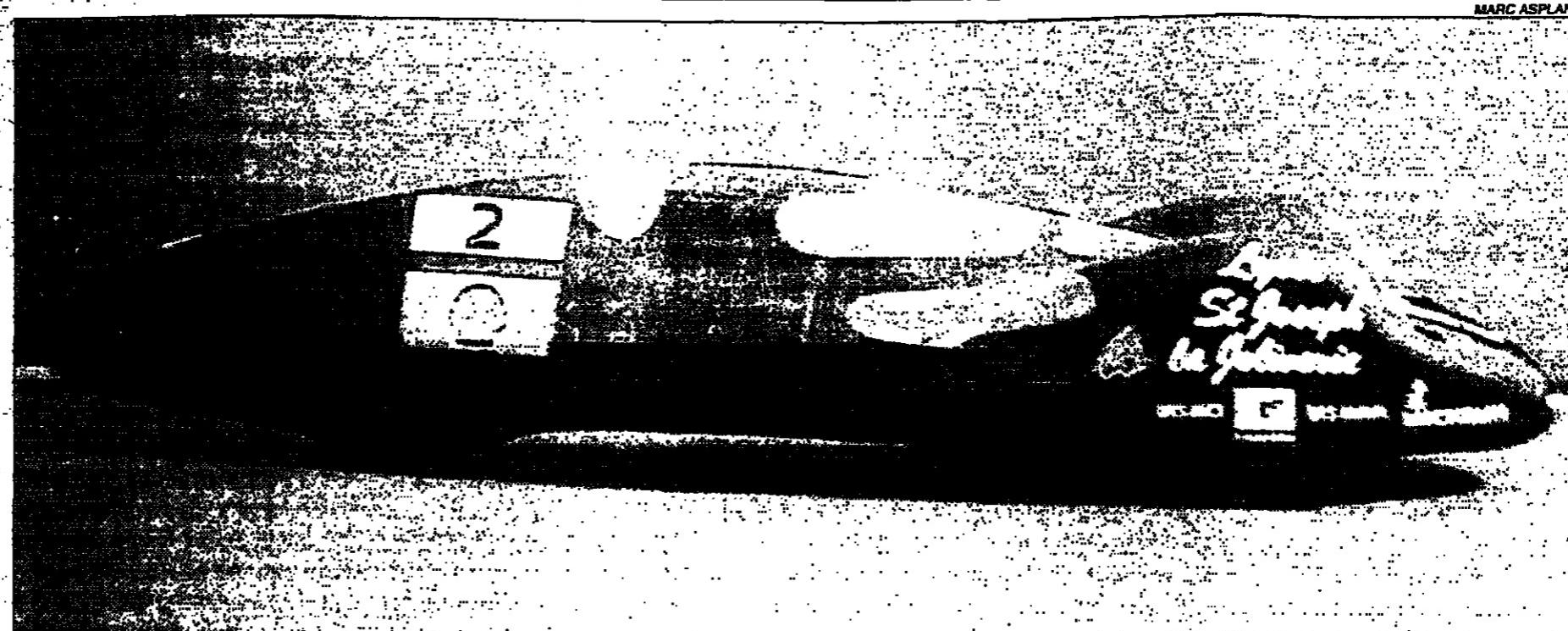
Fuel was measured after a 10-mile run and converted into a miles to the gallon performance figure. The result was a car which could run from London to Moscow and back or cover the average annual mileage for a British motorist on about £2 worth of unleaded petrol. The achievement was remarkable but it is unlikely to help scientists offer ordinary motorists such a generous

return from their family saloons.

Fuel economy is the biggest issue facing the motor industry, particularly after the government told motor manufacturers that the 80 miles to the gallon car must be a priority if emissions of carbon dioxide, the main cause of global warming, were to be cut substantially by the end of the century. Congested cities leading to dense pollution could force the European Commission to order manufacturers to produce more economical cars.

However, car makers, who remain convinced that that the conventional four-stroke internal combustion engine will provide the power for road vehicles, for some time to come, say that they are close to the limits of technology which can improve fuel economy.

Car design has improved so much that nine gallons of petrol which would take an average car 250 miles in 1978 will now manage 307 miles. Lighter materials such as plastic and aluminium are already being used in engines, bodies and interiors while smooth aerodynamic bodies allow cars to cut through the air more effi-



Economy class: the streamlined car, entered by French students, which won the Shell Mileage Marathon yesterday, reaching a top speed of 15mph

ciently. However, raising average consumption from about 34 miles to the gallon to 80 demands dramatic re-thinking which is forcing manufacturers to spend billions of pounds on developing cleaner, more efficient engines.

Manufacturers are working with new fuels to find one that burns more cleanly than petrol. Rover is experimenting with vegetable oils while rape seed oil could provide a clean fuel as could hydrogen. Development will take years and there is no "quick fix", according to the petrol companies.

However, a Northern Ireland company claims to have developed a device which requires no power source yet which can reduce petrol or

diesel consumption in any car by 20 per cent and toxic emissions by 50 per cent.

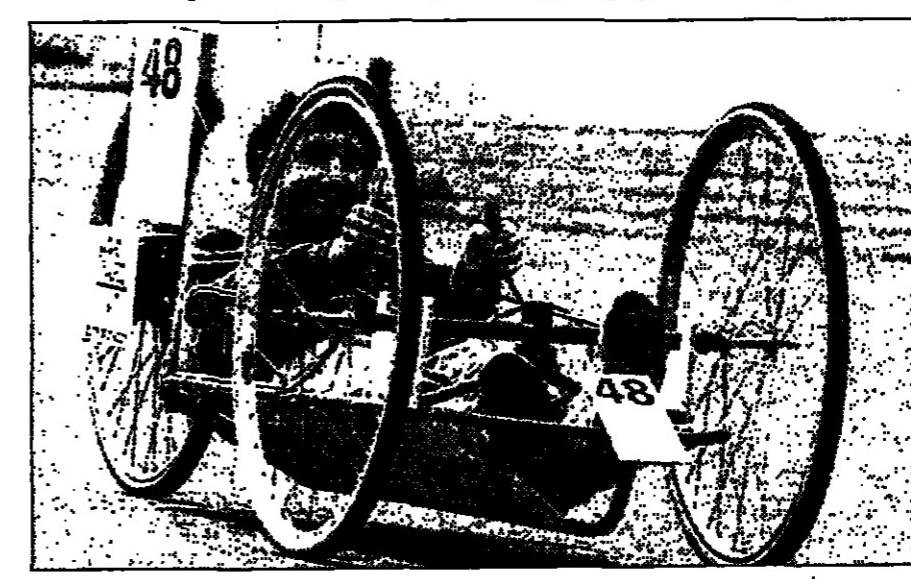
The three-inch long device, says McKeown Industries, is a magnet which strapped to the fuel pipe exerts a "unipolar" field, disturbing fuel molecules as they enter the engine. The result is a more efficient burning of the petrol or diesel in the combustion chamber.

Although it costs £60, Northern Ireland company claims its Positivlow device will offer drivers of older cars the chance of cleaner engines at a time when pressure is growing from the environmental lobby to cut output of vehicle emissions.

The company admits that its device has yet to be put through an examination by authorised agencies, but claims tests on nearly 500 cars in Northern Ireland show that savings have been consistent on dozens of different types of car. Patents have been applied for and the Positivlow will be on sale from October.

Apart from the benefit of cutting fuel bills, McKeown Industries says its Positivlow device will offer drivers of older cars the chance of cleaner engines at a time when pressure is growing from the environmental lobby to cut output of vehicle emissions.

Driving aggressively uses more fuel than driving smoothly.



Bare essentials: the marathon entry from Ravenswood School, Kent

Knife found close to site where young mother was killed

FROM STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

A KNIFE was found by police yesterday partly buried in undergrowth on Wimbledon Common close to the scene of the murder of Rachel Nickelle, the 23-year-old woman stabbed in front of her young son.

Police would not say last night whether the knife would prove to be the murder weapon but they confirmed that it matched the description of the knife used in the killing. The knife was last night being examined by Scotland Yard's forensic science laboratory.

The knife was found during extensive police searches in the area surrounding the copse where Miss Nickelle was sexually assaulted and killed.

Scotland Yard said last night that a man released on bail after being questioned about the murder was still "in custody in connection with minor offences unrelated with this matter". The man, aged 30, from south London, will appear before magistrates today in connection with the unrelated offences.

Describing the discovery of the knife, Det Chief Inspector Mike Wickerson, the second in command of the investiga-

tion, said it was single-bladed and similar to a steak knife, with a 5½ in blade. It was discovered about 150 yards from where Miss Nickelle was ambushed and attacked. It was found as a police team cleared away undergrowth close to a gully where one witness was reported to have seen a man washing his hands shortly after the murder.

Mr Wickerson said the knife had not been hidden very long and he refused to say whether it bore any blood stains. He said: "It could fit the bill and it may not. I am cautious about it."

Earlier in the investigation, police said that the murder weapon was a single-bladed knife with a blade of five to six inches. It was similar to a sheath knife and had something like a brass guard at the base of the handle. It was used very forcefully and Miss Nickelle was stabbed with the blade's full length.

A police photographer was called to the area on the common to record where the weapon had been found. Officers with metal detectors have been scouring the area for nearly two days and other searchers have been working



Halford deal splits authority

BY RONALD FAUX

MEMBERS of Merseyside police authority failed to agree yesterday when they met to discuss a settlement put forward to end Alison Halford's long-running sex discrimination case. They were heard arguing as they began a three and a half hour private emergency meeting in Liverpool, which had to be adjourned until Tuesday.

Miss Halford, 52, assistant chief constable of Merseyside, is accusing James Sharples, chief constable of Merseyside, the home secretary, Northamptonshire police authority and Sir Philip Myers, Inspector of Constabulary, of sex discrimination after she made nine unsuccessful attempts to win promotion.

In Manchester, the industrial tribunal which is hearing her case waited for a decision from the police authority on the deal struck by lawyers from both sides. It would allow Miss Halford to retire on full pension and for disciplinary proceedings against her to be dropped.

But as the Liverpool meeting dragged on, it became clear that councillors on the police authority were objecting to the terms of the settlement and especially to a substantial cash payment

which was said to be part of it. George Bundred, police authority chairman, said before the meeting that a medical consultant had advised the authority that Miss Halford should consider early retirement on medical grounds. He said the authority was not happy about being dragged into the matter. The industrial tribunal, he said, was a matter for the police service and the chief constable of Merseyside.

Mr Bundred rejected reports that a six-figure sum would be offered to Miss Halford as part of the settlement. "I don't think the police authority will agree to any financial settlement at all," he said.

The hearing in Manchester has lasted 39 days and has cost more than £1 million. Suggestions that it could continue into next year prompted moves to reach a settlement to save public money.

After the Liverpool meeting Mike Storey, a Liberal Democrat councillor, said a medical report on Miss Halford and her ability to return to work had been read out. There had been so much misinformation over the past few months that the authority felt new members should be given the full facts before a decision were made.

Retirement on health grounds would give an ironic twist to Miss Halford's case. Among her criticisms of the Merseyside police service during the tribunal hearing was a claim that there was "desperate abuse" of the system which allowed officers accused of disciplinary offences to retire on health grounds, at which point proceedings would be stopped.

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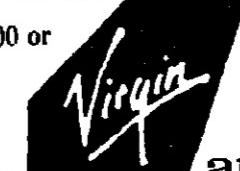
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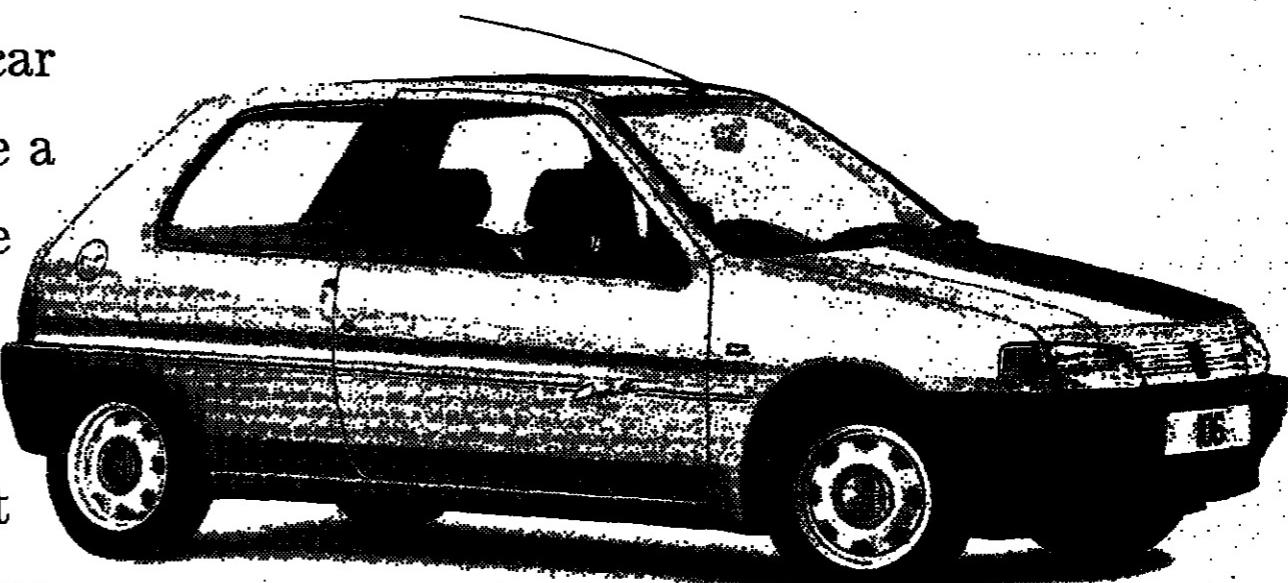
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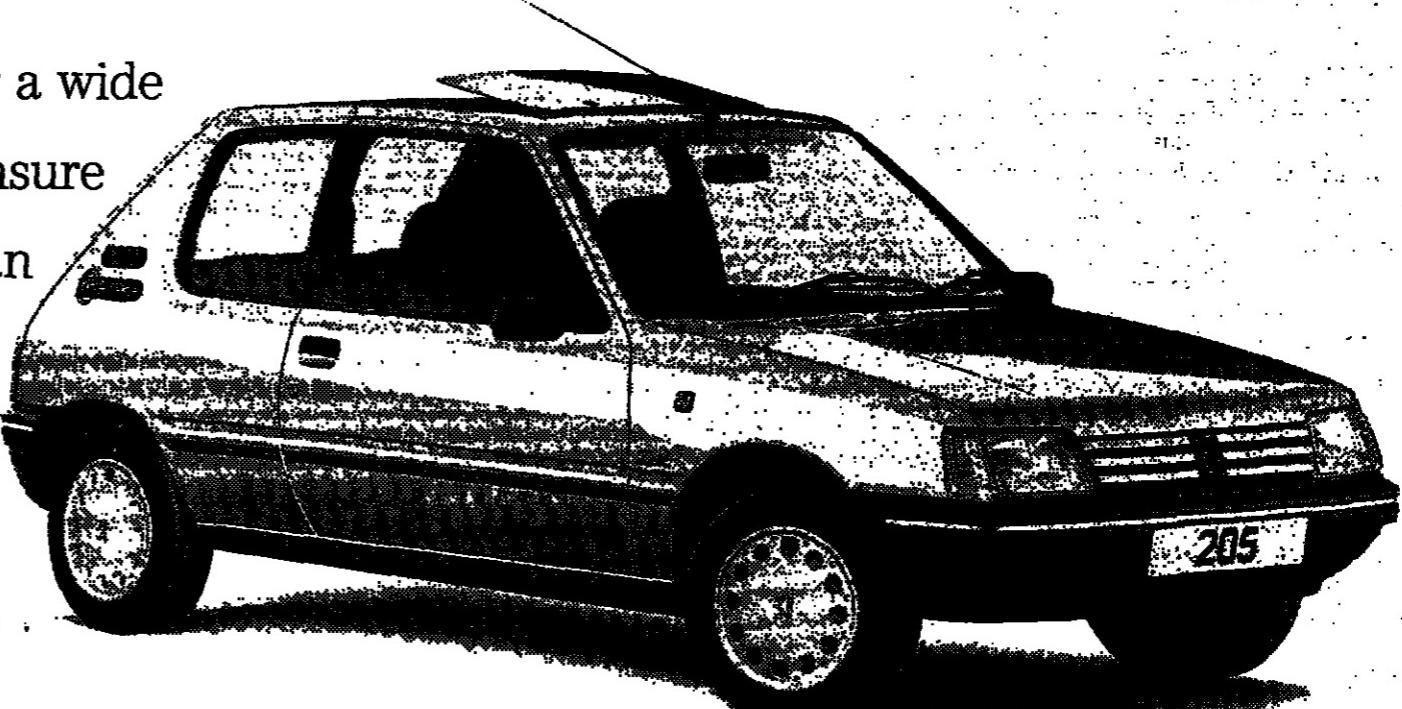
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Imbert studies security at palace

By ROBIN YOUNG

THE Metropolitan Police Commissioner, Sir Peter Imbert, went to Buckingham Palace yesterday to see for himself how an intruder managed to breach security alarm systems and reach the first floor, where the Queen has her apartments.

Police spokesman emphasised that Sir Peter had not been summoned to the palace to apologise to the Queen, who was visiting Greater Manchester yesterday. Nor is he taking charge of the enquiries into the breach of security, which remains the concern of Deputy Assistant Commissioner David Meynell, who recently took over as head of Scotland Yard's royalty protection branch.

A police spokesman said: "Sir Peter took the opportunity to see the scene of the intrusion for himself, and he had an informal meeting with Sir Robert Fellowes, the Queen's private secretary, with whom he discussed what had occurred. He did not meet the Queen, who had already departed for engagements in Manchester."

Police maintain that the palace's alarm systems did not fail. The intruder, aged



21 and born in this country, set off the alarm at 3.45 on Thursday afternoon when he scaled a spike-topped wall in Constitution Hill, which runs beside the palace gardens to Hyde Park Corner.

Having climbed over the wall, the intruder sprinted through the palace grounds so fast that he was able to get into the palace through open French windows leading to offices that are used by palace staff. From there he made his way through corridors and staircases to the first floor, where he was confronted by police and brought to the ground two

and a half minutes after breaking into the Queen's bedroom and shouting to her for nearly half an hour.

That was the second time Mr Fagan had climbed into the palace grounds in three days. On the second occasion, he wandered undetected through the palace for a quarter of an hour before finding his way to the Queen's bedroom. When the Queen discovered him, her night alarm bell went unanswered, so that she had to hold Mr Fagan in conversation and keep her corgis at bay until she could usher him into a pantry for some refreshment, and make two

telephone calls to palace police for help.

Charges relating to Mr Fagan's break-in were later dropped, though he did spend six months in a high security mental hospital after being convicted at the Old Bailey of an earlier offence of taking a car.

The spikes, barbed wire, electronic alarm systems and loudspeakers guarding the palace perimeter, installed as a result of Mr Fagan's exploits, have not succeeded in keeping other intruders out. Last month, a 25-year-old man was arrested inside the palace grounds twice in one week. A helicopter bringing the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh to the palace had to be diverted.

Two years ago, Eugene Smith, aged 52, was given a conditional discharge after a court was told that he had travelled from Dublin to climb into the palace grounds because he had fallen in love with a woman who had claimed to be the Queen's niece.

The same year Stephen Goulding, who claimed to believe he was really Prince Andrew, was jailed after breaking into the palace.

The Queen and tax, page 16



Tram trip: the Queen travelling on Metrolink, Manchester's new tram system. She also opened a British Council office, a Rochdale college and attended a garden party in Oldham

Targets to cut delay for air travellers

By RICHARD FORD
HOME CORRESPONDENT

LONG delays for non-EC travellers arriving at Heathrow and Gatwick may be less common after the government sets time targets for immigration clearance.

Under targets set earlier this year, EC nationals are supposed to be cleared of immigration in three minutes. The new target for other nationalities at Heathrow's terminal one will be 35 minutes for 95 per cent of travellers. At terminal three, where many long-haul flights arrive, the figure will drop to 95 per cent in 30 minutes.

William Davis, chairman of the British Tourist Association, said that American and Japanese business people working in Britain who travelled daily to Europe and back were being particularly inconvenienced. Other organisations claim that people from the Caribbean and Indian sub-continent wait longer than white travellers.

Ministers have decided to set individual targets for each terminal because of the complexity of dealing with thousands of passengers arriving on different types of flight.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Library will shelve its charge idea

By SIMON TATE

The British Library has decided against charging readers but the board, which met yesterday to consider the option, will reconsider when the new St Pancras building is fully operational.

The library is now not expected to open in the £150 million building until 1994, and the question of charges is unlikely to be considered until two years after that, a spokeswoman said.

The board did decide, however, to widen admission to reading facilities by abolishing the lower age limit of 21, which effectively excluded undergraduates.

£30,000 fine

European Gas Turbines, Lincoln's biggest employer, has been fined £30,000 for polluting a waterway with 600 times the safe level of chromium in effluent discharged through a cleaning process.

Police ruling

Seven officers thrown out of the Metropolitan Police after battering a man unconscious outside a public house at Bethnal Green, east London, have had an appeal against dismissal rejected by Kenneth Clarke, home secretary.

Action rejected

No charges will be brought over the disappearance of Patricia Hall, a mother of two, of Pudsey, near Leeds, police said. The Crown Prosecution Service was sent a file.

Surgery error

A pair of forceps were left inside a patient after chest surgery at West Suffolk Hospital, Bury St Edmunds, it was disclosed yesterday.

Stations to go

Proposals to replace 62 rural police stations with community police teams have been accepted by North Wales police authority.

Sotheby's faces facts on portrait of Bard

By SARAH JANE CHECKLAND
SALEROOM CORRESPONDENT

A SHAKESPEARE enthusiast has reopened the long-standing debate on the identity and appearance of the Bard by questioning the attribution of two items that are due to be sold at Sotheby's on Tuesday.

Francis Carr, director of the Shakespeare Authorship Information Centre in Brighton, dismisses as "twaddle" claims by the auctioneers that a seventeenth century portrait of a balding man with hooded eyes is the Elizabethan playwright. The work is estimated at £60,000 to £80,000, but Mr Carr says it is "worthless because it is a portrait of a person we don't know, by an artist whose identity is unknown".

According to the catalogue the painting is a "remarkable mid-seventeenth century portrait of Shakespeare", being a version of a portrait by Gerard Soest owned by Shakespeare's birthplace in

Degrees wait until students pay rent

By MATTHEW D'ANCINO
EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

STUDENTS at Luton College of Higher Education have been told that they will not receive their examination results until their rent debts are paid.

The decision to withhold results is thought to affect more than 500 degree and diploma students at the college in Bedfordshire. Jon Moore, president of the college's student union, said that the delay was causing desperation.

"We are asking the college to take a more sympathetic attitude to the welfare of its students. Those applying for jobs are unable to give their exam results to potential employers and students hoping to transfer to other colleges to continue their education face real difficulties," Mr Moore said.

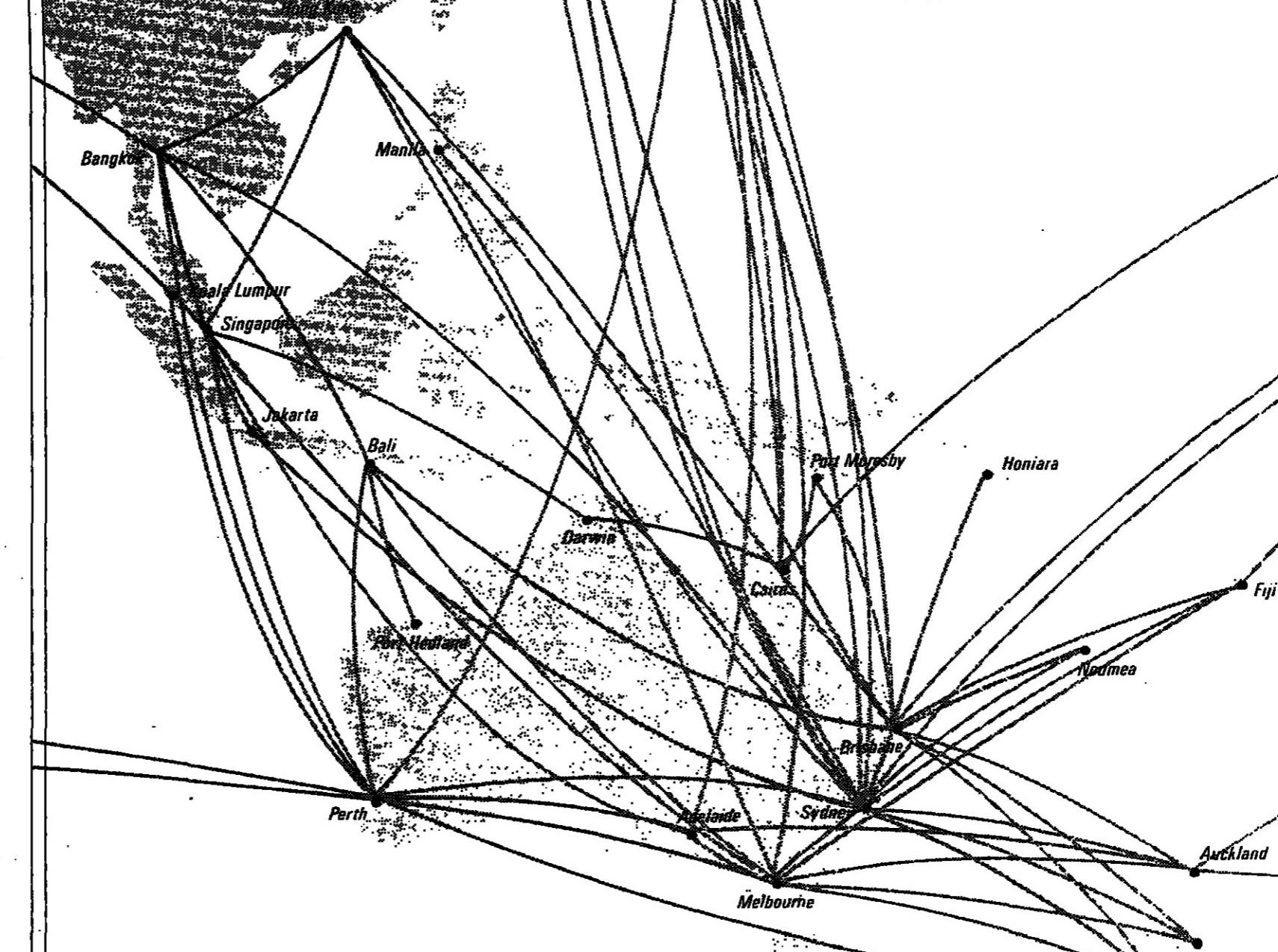
The college's invocation of a special clause in its code of conduct left students in a serious financial predicament, he said. "If students can give a clear commitment to repay their debts then they should be able to continue their studies or be given their exam results."

A spokeswoman for the college confirmed the decision to hold back results. "It is well within the college's prerogative and is contained in regulations which are made available to students when they join the college," she said.

Universities often insist that students pay all outstanding debts before they graduate. Legend has it that Oxford University, for instance, will not award a degree until a student has cleared his or her account at Blackwell's bookshop.

The Luton decision, however, will alarm undergraduates waiting for results, who fear that they will be unable to pay their creditors until they have found a job, and that they will be unable to get a job without their results.

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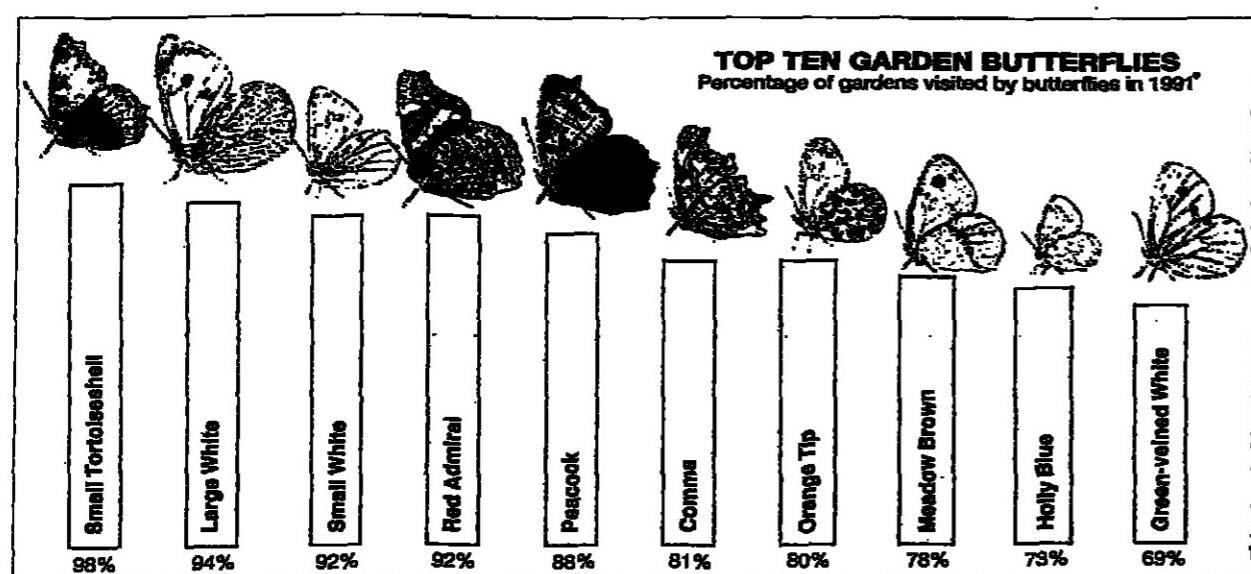


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Gardeners save Britain's butterflies

By MICHAEL HORNBY
AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S gardeners are helping to provide a refuge and breeding ground for butterflies threatened by loss of habitat and the intensity of modern agriculture.

For the past three years, Butterfly Conservation, a charity based at Dedham, Essex, has been conducting a national survey in which 500 volunteers record every species of butterfly they see in their gardens.

A provisional lepidopterist top ten, based on sightings in 1990 and 1991, ranges from the green-veined white, seen in 69 per cent of gardens, to the small tortoiseshell, which visited no less than 98 per cent. Fewer than half the 60 or so butterflies seen in Britain regularly visit gardens.

Andrew Phillips, director of the charity, which has 8,000 members and 25 branches, says gardeners can attract the insects by growing nectar-rich plants, preferably against sunny, south-facing walls and fences. The best are buddleia, golden-rod, michaelmas daisies, phlox, lavender and Aubrieta.

"Unfortunately, even these plants won't do much good if the surrounding countryside has been turned into a desert by intensive agriculture," he said.

Britain is estimated to have 54 permanently resident, breeding species of butterfly. Another six or so, among them the red admiral and the clouded yellow, regularly visit in summer but retire to continental Europe to escape the rigours of the British winter.

Over the past 150 years five species, the large copper, the mazarine blue, the large blue, the black-veined white and

the large tortoiseshell have disappeared. A sixth, the chequered skipper, is confined to Scotland.

Attempts to re-establish vanished species have had some success. The large blue, which became extinct in 1979, was reintroduced from Sweden last year.

Most concern centres on the high brown fritillary, regarded as Britain's most endangered butterfly, which was fairly abundant until the 1950s. Since then, according to a recent survey, the number of 10-kilometre squares in England and Wales in which it has been recorded has dropped from 492 to 29, a 94 per cent decline.

Anyone wishing to take part in the garden butterfly survey should contact Butterfly Conservation, PO Box 222, Dedham, Essex CO7 6ES. Telephone: 0206-322342.

GP group predicts 50% rise in patients' complaints

By ALISON ROBERTS

A LARGE rise in the number of patients making formal complaints against their GPs is adding momentum to calls for a radical shake-up of the complaints procedure. GP defence organisations are predicting a 50 per cent increase in workload this year if the trend continues.

A greater willingness to complain and a change in the GP/patient relationship were two of the main reasons for the rise, said Dr Graham Burt of the Medical Defence Union, which took on 600 new cases in the first four months of the year compared with 1,350 for the whole of 1991. An extra 20 GP consultants have had to be employed, he said.

"I think there is a greater awareness of how to complain and a greater propensity

to complain, which in many ways is a good thing, if only the process was not so unwieldy and lengthy," he said. The present system of initial complaint to family health service authorities, alleging a breach in the practitioner's terms of service, followed by several referrals and opportunities to appeal, was protracted and stressful.

The Medical and Dental Defence Union of Scotland also said that it was busier than ever before and is facing increasing demand from GPs for help with claims.

Gerard Panting, head of the GP division of the Medical Protection Society, reported similarly large rise. "I think the sort of ethic that the patient's charter has produced is encouraging people to exercise their right to com-

plaints and dealt with less important grievances more informally."

The MDS's GPs committee is investigating the complaints procedure and in two weeks will release a report that will be sent to the health department.

David Pickersgill, head of the working party, said that the new GP contract had widened the range of services GPs were required to provide and thus the scope for complaints. He too wanted to see the procedure, which can take 15 months to process one complaint, much simplified.

The rise in patient grievances has been increasing year on year although never quite so dramatically: last year the number rose by 19 per cent. The most common complaints against GPs were failure to visit, properly examine or refer a patient.

In the health service ombudsman's report, published earlier this month, Sir William Reid criticised health authorities for failing to learn from his past reports.

"Some of the very bad cases I have commented on are examples of total disregard for the individual patient and sheer disinterest to those who pluck up the courage to complain," he said. Lack of communication figured in 80 per cent of last year's complaints.

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Town rejects grammar school

By MATTHEW D'ANCONA, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

PLANS to found a grammar school in Milton Keynes have been rejected by Buckinghamshire councillors for the third time in five years, in spite of support from the county's own education committee.

Councillors voted by 37 to 28 against the proposed £2 million school, which was to have been founded on the disused site of the former

Denbigh School in Bletchley. Milton Keynes has been a staunch island of comprehensive education in a county that has nine grammar schools. A small group of Conservatives has lobbied vigorously for the introduction of selective education in the town and two weeks ago their campaign persuaded the education committee to launch a public consultation.

Fears of a move towards selectivity have already prompted two Milton Keynes comprehensive schools to opt out of council control to preserve their status.

Andy Dransfield, a councillor and grammar school supporter, said parental choice had been thwarted by the "comprehensive mafia" but the proposals would be renewed next year.

RAISED IN THE HIGHLANDS.



Fish fight for role as water watchdog

By LOUISE HIDALGO

THREE species of fish are to compete for the job of official water contamination watchdog for the Thames Water region, in what must rank as one of the more bizarre experiments in water quality control.

The contenders for the title are the rainbow trout, traditional monitor of toxic levels in Britain's rivers and waterways, the elephant fish, and the golden orfe, cousin of the ordinary goldfish and already employed by water companies in Europe but a newcomer to the role in Britain.

The fish are to be tested at Thames Water's treatment works on the Tillingbourne in Surrey. There they will be expected to trigger the alarm if pollutants in the water, bound for 100,000 homes in the Guildford and Godalming area, reach critical levels.

Water from the river is fed, day and night, into tanks where the fish are housed. If it is contaminated in any way, the fish are supposed to react by swimming away from the source in an attempt to reach oxygenated parts. That movement sets off an alarm, which is monitored in a central control room.

Brown and rainbow trout have been used by the water industry for the past decade. But the high cost of maintaining those fish has meant that many of the newly privatised companies have preferred to rely on chemical monitors to check pollutant levels at drinking water intakes, according to the Water Research Centre.

Thames has decided to launch the experiment to test which of the three species reacts to the widest range of possible pollutants, including farm slurry, pesticides and industrial waste – and which responds best to water conditions in the Thames region.

Chemical monitors are to be retained, Phil Wakeford, the company's manager for drinking water quality, said:

"The fish provide an extra safety net in much the same way that canaries did down

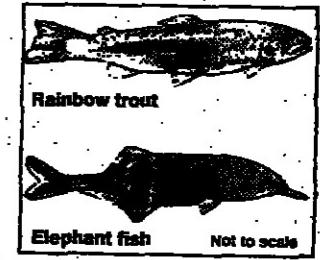


Clear message: golden orfe test the quality of water from the Tillingbourne

the mines. To ensure the fish are safe, they are switched to a stored supply of clean water once they have triggered the alarm.

Trout, while effective monitors in clear river water, have little tolerance for silty water which is common in the Thames and as a result tend

to set off a series of false alarms. The golden orfe, a coldwater fish mainly found in southeast Asia, is already used by water companies in Holland and Germany. The elephant fish, a tropical species, has been used by some manufacturing companies to test new chemicals.



Experts agonise over how to handle genius

By OUR EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

EVERY genius needs a Sven-gali – but who will groom the prodigies of the future? Over the past two days, 190 experts on gifted children from around the world have gathered at St Catherine's College, Oxford, to discuss the top few per cent of pupils whose dazzling intellects often fox parents and teachers.

According to Franz Mönks of the University of Nijmegen, not every gifted child progresses as happily as Ganesh Sittampalam, the 13-year-old boy who this week gained a first class mathematics degree.

"They often get bored and lose motivation. In The Netherlands, some of them end up in schools with emotional and behaviour difficulties. We have even had cases where children get ill because no one understands them."

Professor Mönks said that able children, whose parents might lack intellectual inspiration, needed the right environment to develop and should be caught as young as five years old. "Normally, the curriculum is tailored to the average, so the top 15 per cent are not served enough. You should give them the possibility to reach their own levels of ability," he said.

Discussion on the gifted child tends to focus on how best to nurture his or her talents and whether one gifted person was needed to spot another. Professor Mönks admitted he himself had

been a "late starter" who went to grammar school only at the age of 18. Richard Lange, director of gifted education at the University of Illinois, asked the question missed the point. "People often ask me if I'm gifted enough for my own gifted child programme. But you don't have to be divorced to be a divorce lawyer," he said.

Mr Lange, who acts as a "resource person" to help teachers and runs special classes for Chicago's most gifted children, rejected the stereotype of the exceptionally able. "The danger is that we don't realise the diversity of giftedness. The image of thick glasses and wavy hair is wrong; little kids often aren't like that."

Britain's level of provision for very clever children is often criticised. A school inspector's report published earlier this year said that the very able were often "misclassified" in state schools and only five local authorities had officials specifically responsible for education of the gifted.

Johanna Reffann, chairman of the National Association for Curriculum Enrichment and Extension, said it was wrongly assumed that the brightest would cope on their own and they needed special provisions. Bright children were better off in the former Soviet block than they were in the British comprehensive system, she said.

Germans fly home under English eyes

By NICHOLAS WATT

NEVILLE Chamberlain might have managed a stiff smile. The burghers of Munich, who have been showing off their brand new airport to the world, will be disheartened to hear that flights into their city could soon be directed from Britain.

Staff shortages and difficulties in flying over Yugoslavia mean that Germany is finding it hard to cope with the thousands of flights during the summer peak period.

Heathrow's flow management unit, which plans flight routes, has already poached some of the work normally carried out in Germany.

Ian Hall, head of the Civil Aviation Authority's Air Traffic Flow Management Unit, said yesterday: "This is more a case of helping out rather than a permanent takeover. The Germans are shedding some of their work to us which means that flights into Munich could soon contact us."

His team plans flight routes by assessing which sectors in the air have enough room. If the nearest sector is full, space in an alternative has to be booked. "It's a bit like driving on the motorway," Mr Hall said. "If there's a gap you try and sneak in, but if you miss it you may have a long wait."

His unit can work anywhere because staff do not have to see planes. "We could run our office from Timbuktu,"

as long as there was a good fax line," Mr Hall said.

Passengers anxious that delayed landings into Munich will be monitored hundreds of miles away in Heathrow have nothing to fear. Once planes are airborne, Mr Hall's team hand over to air traffic controllers and Munich has an impressive air control tower with a fine view of the airport.

The loss of the air corridor over Yugoslavia has also made life difficult for the Italians. Elaborating on his M25 analogy, Mr Hall said: "Yugoslavia is the main trunk route to Greece, Turkey and the Middle East. Cutting it off is a bit like closing the M25 at 8am. Everyone dives into the side roads, which makes life much harder. Where planes would normally fly down the middle of Yugoslavia, they are now having to fly to the side."

The Italians have turned to Heathrow for a helping hand, which means Mr Hall could soon be taking charge of all flights into Greece. "An Amsterdam to Athens flight, which would normally contact Rome, would contact us even though we are much further away," he said.

But Heathrow's new rights will not last long. Following the drift of most power in Europe, Brussels will become the management centre of all European air flow from 1995.

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Charity builds hope and houses on vandalised estates

IN THE large council estates of eastern Teesside, a quarter of all men are out of work, and in some of the worst blackspots the figure rises to 50 per cent. In this unpromising environment, the East Middlesbrough Community Venture (EMCV) was created in 1989 to retrain and find work for people who had all but lost hope.

A registered charity, it has three subsidiary trading companies. One, Community Security, provides guards for more than 40 public and private groups, and has an annual turnover of £400,000. The second, the East Middlesbrough Construction Company, is a maintenance and small building works service, and the third publishes a monthly community newspaper, *The Challenger*. It also has a share in Roseberry Construction, which employs more than 40 people building timber-framed homes.

EMCV runs an occupational training unit which has provided 100 people



Paul Wilkinson begins an occasional series on hopefuls in the Community Enterprise awards

with new skills. Of these, 70 have found jobs. The group was set up with Middlesbrough Borough Council and its First Steps to Work project is giving work experience to 50 people.

Another project is an enterprise management training programme, run in conjunction with a local coll-

lege and the St Andrews Resources Training Centre in Dublin, as part of an international scheme launched by the European Social Fund. It is working with the local authority and the department of employment on a £1.1 million plan to refurbish Beresford Buildings, a derelict block in one of the estates shopping centres.

The three-storey building originally had shops on the ground floor, and maisonettes above, but it was a regular target for vandals. The charity wants to restore nine shops and create a community centre, with a health care centre and advice and support agencies. ECMV has an income of around £350,000, but its subsidiaries have a £1 million turnover. It employs, directly or indirectly, more than 100 people.

The neighbouring East/West Women's Employment Project aims to provide women, particularly single mothers and those from the area's Asian community, with the skills and



Digging for victory: building workers on one of Middlesbrough's community housing projects

opportunity to find work. The scheme grew from a discussion among mothers lamenting how home life, lack of work experience and in some cases poor English, precluded them from ever finding a job. They approached the borough council for financial aid to set up a self-help group. The project began by concentrating on child care, food production, fashion design and clothing manufacture. Local colleges also became involved.

The project opened the Little Acorns day nursery last year, to help mothers working in the city centre. The nursery has expanded and now provides work for nine women supervisors. Six more jobs were created with the opening of a cafe-restaurant at a former cleansing depot, which is being converted into a base for the project. The centre, which should be complete by the end of the year, will have two enterprise and training

units and a nursery. In addition, it will have a local health authority outreach office for its work with the ethnic minorities.

Both nurseries are self sufficient, and the cafe expects to be so by the end of the year. The work is being carried out by a co-operative, using a builder from one of the town's ethnic minorities.

The project employs 19 women and has an annual turnover of £120,000. Funds have been provided by the

Athletes offered needles

By JOHN GOODBODY
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A HEALTH authority is to publicise a needle exchange scheme for sportsmen and women who take anabolic steroids and risk catching Aids by sharing syringes.

The scheme has received a grant of £8,000 from the Welsh committee on drug misuse and will distribute posters and pamphlets in Swansea and Port Talbot.

Dr Huw Perry, a public health officer with West Glamorgan Health Authority, is an amateur weightlifter. He said he had discovered that a high number of people training in gyms were taking the banned hormone drugs and there was a clear risk that they might share needles.

Exchange schemes were originally set up for people taking social drugs, such as heroin, to reduce the risk of HIV transmission. In America, some bodybuilders have developed Aids after sharing needles.

Taking anabolic steroids in large doses can cause liver and kidney damage, sometimes leading to death, and can also lead to acute psychiatric disorders.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Soldier in rifle death is cleared

A teenage soldier who killed his best friend in a rifle range prank was cleared of manslaughter yesterday by Newcastle upon Tyne Crown Court.

Stewart Weir, 16, of Wishaw, Strathclyde, died instantly when he was shot in the head at close range. Junior Leader Thomas Lindsay, 17, who joined the King's Own Scottish Borderers with Mr Weir last year, told the court that they had pointed their SA-80 automatic weapons at each other in a training break at Ouston, Northumberland.

Mr Lindsay, of Inverness-Highland, replaced an empty ammunition magazine with a live one, not realising that a live round would slot into the rifle's chamber. He told the five-day trial they had been laughing until he fired.

Negatives lost

The National Portrait Gallery confirmed that it lost 115 early glass photographic negatives from a reserve collection of 10,000, in a flood caused by a burst pipe. Originally, it was said that stored material was unharmed.

Castle's award

The entertainer Roy Castle, who has lung cancer, was presented with an award by Action on Smoking and Health and the British Heart Foundation for his campaign to protect passive smokers.

PC over limit

PC John Cowman, 32, of Alwoodley, Leeds, was nearly three times over the drink-drive limit when he died in a crash on the way to work, an inquest was told. Verdict: accidental death.

Bakery victims

Fifty-seven people are being treated for food poisoning in Maryport, Cumbria, where health officers have closed a bakery until August.

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Scientists failed to link sisters with killing

SCOTLAND Yard forensic scientists were unable to discover any evidence linking two accused sisters with the murder of bank official Alison Shaughnessy. The Old Bailey was told yesterday.

Adrian Eames, of the Metropolitan Police laboratory, agreed with Mr Justice Blomfield that no scientific material had been found connecting either Michelle Taylor, aged 21, or her 18-year-old sister, Lisa, with anything found in Mrs Shaughnessy's flat.

The prosecution alleges that Michelle, supported by her sister, attacked Mrs Shaughnessy, 21, stabbing her 54 times. Both sisters, of Forest Hill, south London, deny murder.

Mr Eames, a specialist in the examination of bloodstains, showed the jury photographs of the victim's black sweatshirt, on which he had tagged 44 knife cuts. Giving evidence on the tenth day of the trial, he said he was struck by the lack of blood at the flat in Battersea southwest London. "I would assume that much of the bleeding had been internal and that external bleeding would have been absorbed by her clothing," he told the jury.

He agreed with Richard Ferguson, QC, for Michelle, that he had taken head hair samples from both Michelle and Lisa but found nothing to match them in the flat. He had also examined a number of pairs of shoes and training shoes belonging to them, but had found no blood.

However, a fingerprint expert told the court that fresh prints of both girls were found in the flat.

John Nutting, for the prosecution, said Lisa had not visited the flat before the killing. He alleges that Michelle's motive for the murder was her love for Mrs Shaughnessy's husband, John, 30.

The trial continues on Monday.



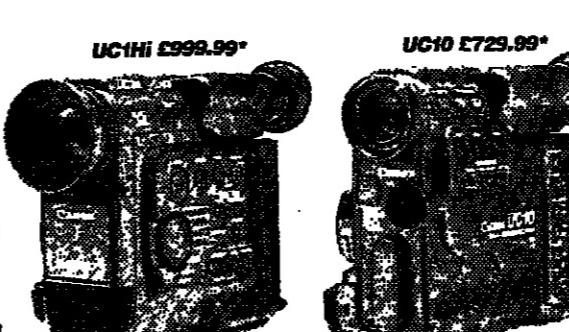
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Fowler tells worried Tories that ERM realignment would lift interest rates



Sir Norman: "British exports 6 per cent up"

TORY critics of the government's economic policy were told yesterday that devaluation of the pound would lead to higher interest rates.

Echoing ministerial warnings against devaluation, Sir Norman Fowler, the Conservative party chairman, declared that ministers would not throw away hard-won gains in a vain attempt to achieve a quick fix.

With the government braced for a difficult summer and autumn because of Tory

worries about the economy, Sir Norman said that the prize of permanently low inflation was within grasp.

As well as repudiating devaluation, the party chairman ruled out a realignment of currencies within the European exchange-rate mechanism (ERM), an idea gaining support in the Labour leadership and among Tory MPs.

Sir Norman said that realignment was devaluation by another name. "Again, we would be showing that we

don't take the disciplines of the ERM seriously," he said. "Again, confidence in sterling would take a severe knock — and up would go interest rates."

Sir Norman's intervention came the day after the German Bundesbank gave other European governments a breathing space by declining to put up its main interest rate. The Bundesbank's action failed to mollify Eurosceptic Tory MPs, who began the summer parlia-

mentary recess yesterday attacking the government.

One, Sir Teddy Taylor, said that the plea by Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, to Germany earlier this week against putting up rates was the "most pathetic thing I have ever seen in my life in politics".

Sir Teddy told a meeting in his Southend East constituency: "The massive borrowing and overspending by the government, the appalling trade figures and the alarm-

ing numbers of unemployed are being sustained for the sole purpose of maintaining sterling at an artificial level."

Sir Norman, speaking in Solihull, said that there was every reason to be optimistic about economic prospects for the 1990s. Manufacturing exports were at a record high. "Some people say that the exchange rate is not competitive," he said. "In that case, our exporters must be very competitive indeed. British exports are 6 per cent up on

the year and we have increased our share of world trade for the last three years."

Sir Norman said that the "quick fix" of devaluation would achieve nothing, and would probably lead to higher interest rates as the markets' assurance that the pound's value was secure was replaced by a certainty that it was not. "If we were willing to devalue now, they'd know for sure that we'd do it again."

Leaving the ERM would not stop German rates affect-

Beaten but unbowed, Gould says he still sets Labour's agenda

By PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

BRYAN Gould's campaign organisers yesterday conceded defeat in the Labour leadership election, but said they had no regrets and claimed that their candidate had set the agenda in the three-month battle.

The Gould camp delivered a mixed message, declaring that it was not an occasion for sour grapes or for digs at the victors "who will deserve full support after what seems likely to be an extremely convincing endorsement by the party's electoral college". In the same breath, however, they declared that just as the country had voted for the safe and familiar on April 9, "it appears that the Labour party will do the same on July 18".

They pointed out that the college exaggerated the winning margins of the successful candidates, because it was a series of first-past-the-post elections. Although Mr Gould had scored 30 per cent in most leadership ballots, that would not be reflected in the final tally of votes in the election.

Accepting that the John Smith/Margaret Beckett ticket appeared likely to be victorious, Mr Gould's team said it was in no way apologetic about the way it had conducted the campaign. His candidature for both leader

and deputy had helped set the post-election agenda. If he had not stood there would have been even fewer opportunities for the party to discuss why it lost the election and how it could win next time.

Many Labour MPs will agree with the Gould camp's assessment. There is general agreement that he came up with the fresher ideas at the start of the contest.

They also feel he was unwise in retrospect to go for both the leadership and deputy leadership contests. It led to confusion, with some electors backing Mr Gould for the leadership and John Prescott for deputy, reducing Mr Gould's chances in the latter poll, even though he never had any real chance in the former. They believe that Mr Gould was ill-advised to have taken positions on the economy and Europe sharply opposed to Mr Smith's, making it difficult for MPs, parties and unions to see them as a potentially harmonious leadership team.

The campaign team concluded in their report: "Bryan is the first to say that it is the ideas, rather than the personalities, that matter. Whatever the results of the electoral college, he will continue to put forward his ideas for the party's renewal in the future. Our hunch is that he will continue to be the key agenda-setter, and that his ideas will be as influential as ever in the years ahead."



Victory in sight: Margaret Beckett and John Smith; but their failed challenger Bryan Gould still calls them Labour's safe option

Low-key election fight climaxes with dull thud

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY

AT THE end of a contest that sometimes lacked the zest of a closely fought parish council election, the Labour leadership campaign plumped new low-key depths yesterday.

After three months of listless muscle-flexing to the Labour movement, the combatants finished the contest well away from the campaign trail, saying little and quietly awaiting the voters' verdict.

Neil Kinnock, spent election eve in the same surroundings in which he passed the final hours before the general election result which ended his hopes of entering 10 Downing Street. There was no need yesterday for him to ponder the polls, no attempt to gauge the public's mood. As he walked away the

John Smith today becomes the 14th leader of the Labour party since 1906. Others have been:

Keir Hardie	1906-08	George Lansbury	1932-5
Arthur Henderson	1908-10	Clement Attlee	1935-55
George Barnes	1910-11	(PM 1945-51)	
Ramsay MacDonald	1911-14	Hugh Gaitskell	1955-63
Arthur Henderson	1914-17	Harold Wilson	1963-76
William Adamson	1917-21	(PM 1964-70; 1974-8)	
Johnny Clynes	1921-2	James Callaghan	1976-80
Ramsay MacDonald	1922-31	(PM 1976-8)	
(PM 1924, 1929-35)		Michael Foot	1980-3
Arthur Henderson	1931-2	Neil Kinnock	1983-92

decision to stand had proved valuable in ensuring a convincingly-elected new leader. Supporters who joined his end-of-campaign party on Thursday night were not despondent. As he returned last night to take a constituency surgery in Dagenham, east London, Mr Gould was said to be optimistic about his future in Mr Smith's new shadow cabinet.

John Prescott, despite facing defeat in the deputy leadership election, was in typically irrepressible form as he spent time with his family. Even as forecasts indicated that he would take away less than one fifth of the vote, Mr Prescott was confident that he could hold the balance of votes which would prevent Margaret Beckett winning the contest outright. If he is able to stop her collecting the 50 per cent of the vote she requires, his end of campaign party tonight may prove a livelier affair than expected.

Mrs Beckett herself, having assiduously built up support throughout her campaign for the deputy leadership, is spending a rare weekend in London, away from her Derby South constituency, although she took her fortnightly constituency advice bureau there yesterday. Anxious to prevent premature celebration among her supporters, she remained cautious and told campaigners to keep the champagne on ice until tonight.

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BR sell-off 'complete by 2002'

By MICHAEL DYNEYS TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

PRIVATISATION of British Rail's passenger and freight operations should be completed by 2002, John MacGregor, transport secretary, announced yesterday.

The privatisation of the railways, the 46th state industry to be sold off since the Tories came to power in 1979, has established a precedent for restructuring that is being emulated in Germany, Holland and Italy, he said.

Speaking at the end of a two-day informal meeting of EC transport ministers at Brocket Hall, Hertfordshire, one of Britain's finest stately homes, Mr MacGregor said railway privatisation was an idea for which "time had come". The role of the private sector in improving passenger and freight services was being increasingly recognised throughout Europe.

Outlining Britain's agenda for completing the single European market in transport by next January, Mr MacGregor said priority would be given to the Community's air transport liberalisation initiative, including the attempt by Brussels to extend access to landing slots at busy airports to new operators.

Agreement on landing slot

reforms and the liberalisation of road haulage are the last obstacles to a single market for transport. Britain was also eager to ensure that government subsidies to state-owned airlines were policed more effectively. It wished to ensure that any such aid was subject to the same disciplines faced by private companies borrowing from the private sector.

Wide-ranging discussions were held on the problem of reconciling transport and en-

vironmental issues. Mr MacGregor said that Britain and its European partners were determined to ensure that the overwhelming majority of decisions dealing with transport and the environment were taken at national level.

Commission officials have also been asked to reach a prompt decision on the proposed M3 extension through Twyford Down, Hampshire, which Brussels tried to block last year.

The postcard project was dreamt up last month after Mr McMillan-

Scott, foreign affairs spokesman for Tory MEPs, told a group of constituents that "everything important in the Maastricht Treaty could be written on two sides of a postcard". They challenged him to prove his claim.

So Mr McMillan-Scott, who describes himself as a "Euro-pragmatist" sandwiched between sceptics and fanatics, set out to condense the treaty. "I admit that the odd nuance is not there but I've included the key points. I feel I've summed up the heart of the treaty," he said.

The card says that the treaty increases the accountability of the EC. Mr McMillan-Scott also manages a feat that has confounded some of Europe's greatest minds: he

defines subsidiarity in 15 words. It means, he writes, "that EC laws should only be made if [they are] more effective than national or regional laws".

Mr McMillan-Scott has drawn three Roman pillars to show how Maastricht introduces intergovernmental councils for foreign affairs and criminal justice alongside the traditional EC machinery.

Fellow Euro MPs have warmed to the card. "Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, the former French president, came up and said that he would like to have one drawn up for the French referendum campaign. He would of course have to include the social chapter and EMU in his version," Mr McMillan-Scott said.

Will the card become an essential aide-memoire for self-respecting Europeans? "It will be useful because people do not have the time to digest the treaty. People might mull over the card or it might even send them to sleep. It would be a much better insomnia than the BBC World Service."

Some of Mr McMillan-Scott's friends at Westminster were not greatly impressed. The Tory MP William Cash, unofficial leader of the party's Europhobes, said: "Edward is an old chum of mine and he's done a good PR job. But I am not sure that the card really reflects what has happened. He says that the treaty will increase the accountability of the EC when the

unlected bankers will profoundly and damagingly destroy democracy in the Community."

Patrick Robertson, co-ordinator of the Bruges Group, wasted no time in dashing out an equally short Maastricht Card. His opened with the words: "As the Berlin Wall fell in 1989 the 12 European Community countries continued to plan an out-dated Europe." He also defined subsidiarity in a few words, one of which was "gobbledygook".

Steven Woodard, assistant director of the European Movement, who is an unashamed federalist, praised Mr McMillan-Scott's efforts. "I think the card is excellent. The treaty is very complex but he has summarised it very well."

Tory MEP trumps the chattering with a one-card trick

By NICHOLAS WATT

EUROPE'S chatters may talk of little else, but one British MEP believes that he can sum up the Maastricht Treaty's 253 pages on two sides of a postcard.

Edward McMillan-Scott, Tory MEP for York, today launches his Maastricht Card, which is written in the kind of simple language so alien to Eurocrats. Elongated sentences and Euro-jargon are cast aside in favour of short, sharp writing. Mr McMillan-Scott did admit, however, that it was impossible to avoid "subsidiarity", Jacques Delors' latest per word.

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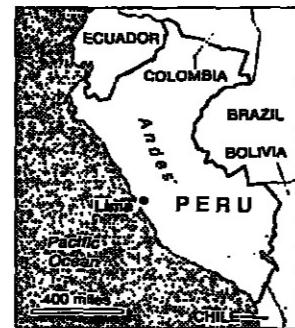
Car bomb kills 18 as Maoists extend terror tactics to Lima

BY GABRIELLA GAMINI AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

LEFT-WING guerrillas detonated a car bomb in Lima last night, killing at least 18 people on a residential street, and simultaneously attacking four police stations outside the Peruvian capital.

The blast ripped the facade off 10-floor buildings for the length of a city block, killing people on the street and in their apartments above. No one claimed responsibility for the attacks, but police suspected they were the work of the Maoist Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path) guerrilla group, which has recently begun to use car bombs. Police said at least 100 people were injured by shattered glass and debris in the fashionable Miraflores neighbourhood.

After more than a decade of bloody violence, which has claimed more than 25,000 lives, the Shining Path has succeeded in moving its terrorist campaign from the remote Peruvian jungles and Andean highlands to the capital city, where bomb attacks and the movement's strength are growing each day. It has become Latin America's biggest guerrilla group and is the



last to maintain its Maoist ideology, becoming a formidable threat to the government of President Fujimori. "The Sendero guerrillas are now more of a threat than ever. They are in the capital and have managed with their bombing campaign to cause total chaos and fear," Enrique Bernales, an opposition politician and a member of a human rights commission, said yesterday.

The movement was born 12 years ago when a philosophy professor, Abimael Guzman, began to give Marxist-Maoist lectures at the University of Humanana in the city of

Ayacucho, about 200 miles southeast of Lima. He founded a breakaway faction of the Peruvian Communist Party named Red Banner, and from this eventually emerged the Sendero Luminoso.

Señor Guzman and his followers began their armed struggle by burning ballot boxes during local elections in the central Andean region, claiming that politics deceived the poor. At first they received widespread support from landless peasants, who felt rejected by the government in Lima. To spread their ideology, the guerrillas hung up dogs in remote villages, tagged with Maoist literature.

But soon the spreading of their ideology took a bloody turn. When peasants or campesinos refused to join the movement, they were killed and Sendero Luminoso lost much of its support in rural areas.

In the past two years the guerrillas have shifted their campaign of terror to the capital itself, gathering support in slum areas which surround the city of Lima. "They have capitalised on the

dissatisfaction of the poor in Lima, and can hide in the huge sprawls of shanty towns and plan their bombings from there," a political analyst said.

Sendero Luminoso's advance on the capital was one of the reasons for President Fujimori's coup in April, when he abolished Congress and took over the judiciary, giving himself dictatorial powers with the support of the military. President Fujimori gave the security forces increased powers to take action against the guerrillas.

However, despite the repression by security forces, Sendero Luminoso has continued to show its strength on the streets of Lima. Bombings have become almost a daily occurrence, and Sendero regularly calls for strikes which manage to paralyse the entire city. "The guerrillas have managed to cause havoc and fear. But they are also managing to get support from the poor and can now claim that they are fighting a dictator rather than a democratic government," Roberto Rosiglio, of the Peruvian Studies Centre, said.



Genghis Khan's heirs: Mongolian soldiers, dressed in uniform harking back to the times of the 13th-century Mongolian conqueror, entering a stadium in the capital, Ulan Bator, for a military parade at the start of a traditional national day festival of

horse racing, wrestling and archery. Mongolia's ruling party has chosen Punsagijn Jasray, a pro-market reformer, to be the country's new prime minister. Diplomats said Mr Jasray, an economist, elected late on Thursday, would inject new life into

Mongolia's efforts to dismantle its centrally planned economy. He replaces Dashiyn Byambasuren, also of the ruling party, who pulled out of the election. Mr Jasray was head of the state planning commission from 1985 to 1990. [Reuters]

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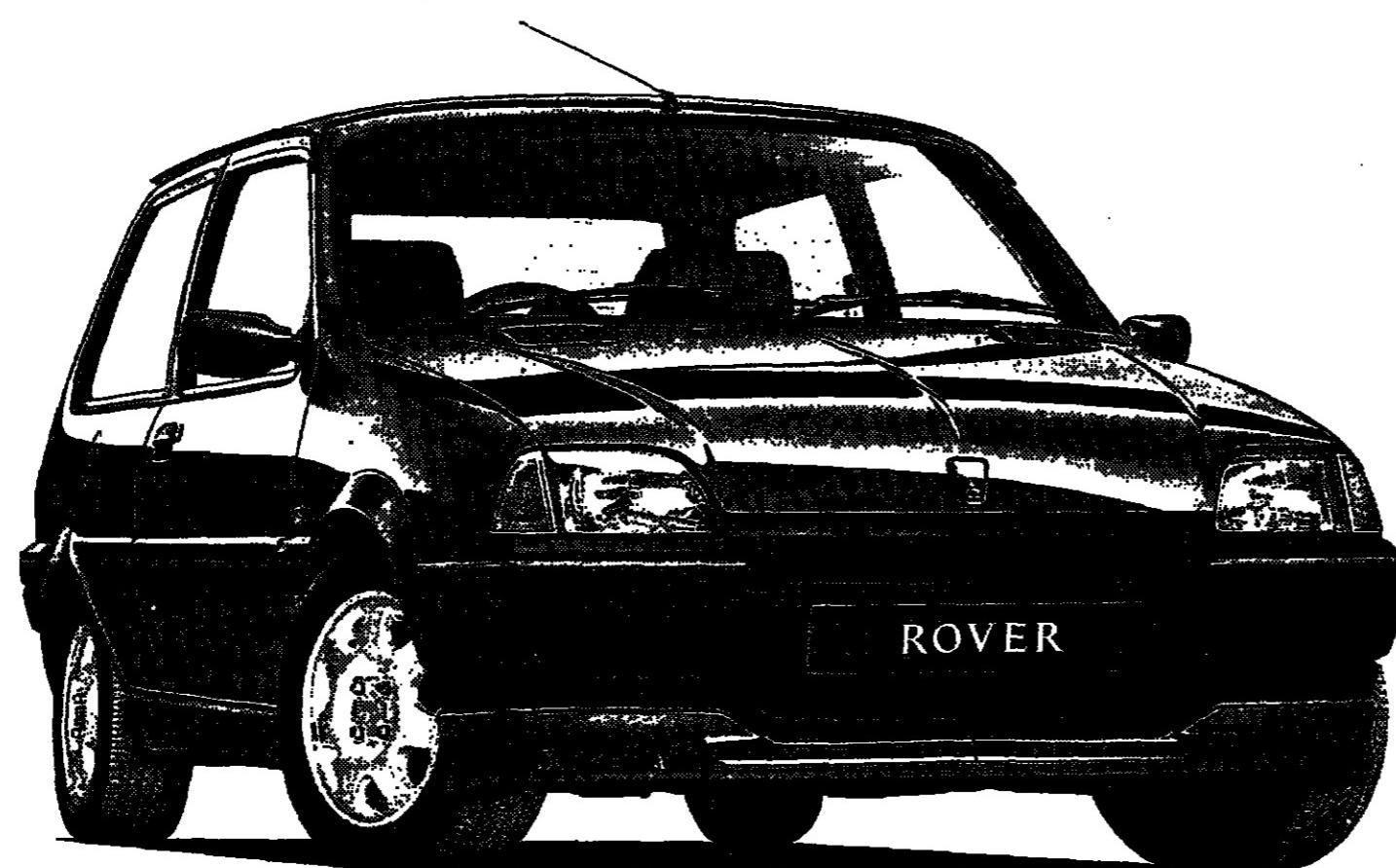
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Belligerent Saddam mocks UN

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER
IN CAIRO

IRAQ'S refusal yesterday to co-operate with United Nations inspectors searching for missile-related documents and the murder of a UN guard in the north of the country has further strained relations with the international body.

As Rolf Eknes, a senior UN envoy, arrived in Baghdad, the Iraqi government announced that the decision to block the search of the agriculture ministry building in the capital was irrevocable, and President Saddam Hussein delivered a belligerent speech marking the 24th anniversary of the coup which brought his Baath party to power. He dismissed the UN as an American-run "advertising agency promoting its [US] policies so as to rule the world", and called on Arabs for a new jihad to overthrow the moderate regimes in Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Egypt.

Behind the rhetoric, Western military observers detected a new willingness by Saddam to force a showdown to boost his popularity at home. Before the dispatch of Mr Eknes, UN sources in New York said that America, Britain and France were considering an ultimatum threatening military action. Western and Arab sources said yesterday the chances of a limited air or missile strike were growing.

The earlier shooting of the UN guard as he slept in Dahuk, blamed unofficially on Iraqi agents, came after Baghdad refused to renew an agreement allowing the stationing of 500 UN guards and 600 aid workers in the Kurdish region. "Over the past three weeks, the security situation has gravely deteriorated," Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general, wrote to the security council.

Rabin wins peaceful end to siege

FROM RICHARD BEESTON
IN JERUSALEM

YITZHAK Rabin, the Israeli prime minister, yesterday successfully reached a peaceful compromise with Palestinian leaders after a tense four-day stand-off between security forces and students in the West Bank city of Nablus.

According to Palestinian and Israeli officials, the test of wills played out on the campus of Al-Najah university between hundreds of Israeli soldiers and about 3,000 Palestinian undergraduates was expected to end last night after several armed Palestinian suspects wanted by the authorities agreed to go into voluntary exile.

Faisal Husseini, the leading Palestinian figure in Arab east Jerusalem, said that the agreement had been reached after lengthy negotiations between eight Palestinian mediators and General Danny Rothchild, the head of the military government in the occupied territories. Military sources said that six Palestinian activists hiding in the university grounds were expected to be deported to Jordan last night after agreeing to remain outside the country for three years. They will be allowed to return home once a year to visit their families.

The start of the siege coincided with Mr Rabin's first day in office as prime minister and defence minister, and had threatened to disrupt the start of the latest peace mission by James Baker, the American Secretary of State, who is due in Jerusalem tomorrow night. Mr Rabin's handling of the situation has helped to temper his reputation among Arabs as a tough, sometimes brutal former general and defence minister, who tried to put down the intifada by force four and a half years ago.

India acts to halt child jockey trade

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER

THE Indian government announced yesterday that it would take steps to halt the smuggling of children to the Arab world for training as camel-racing jockeys.

The scandal was highlighted this week in the United Arab Emirates, when four child camel jockeys were arrested for beating to death a seven-year-old Bangladeshi rival they considered a threat to their livelihoods.

Western observers have described the trade in child jockeys as one of the worst examples of child exploitation today. Arab camel owners respond that there are many willing volunteers for the relatively high wages for the average four-year period a child jockey is employed.

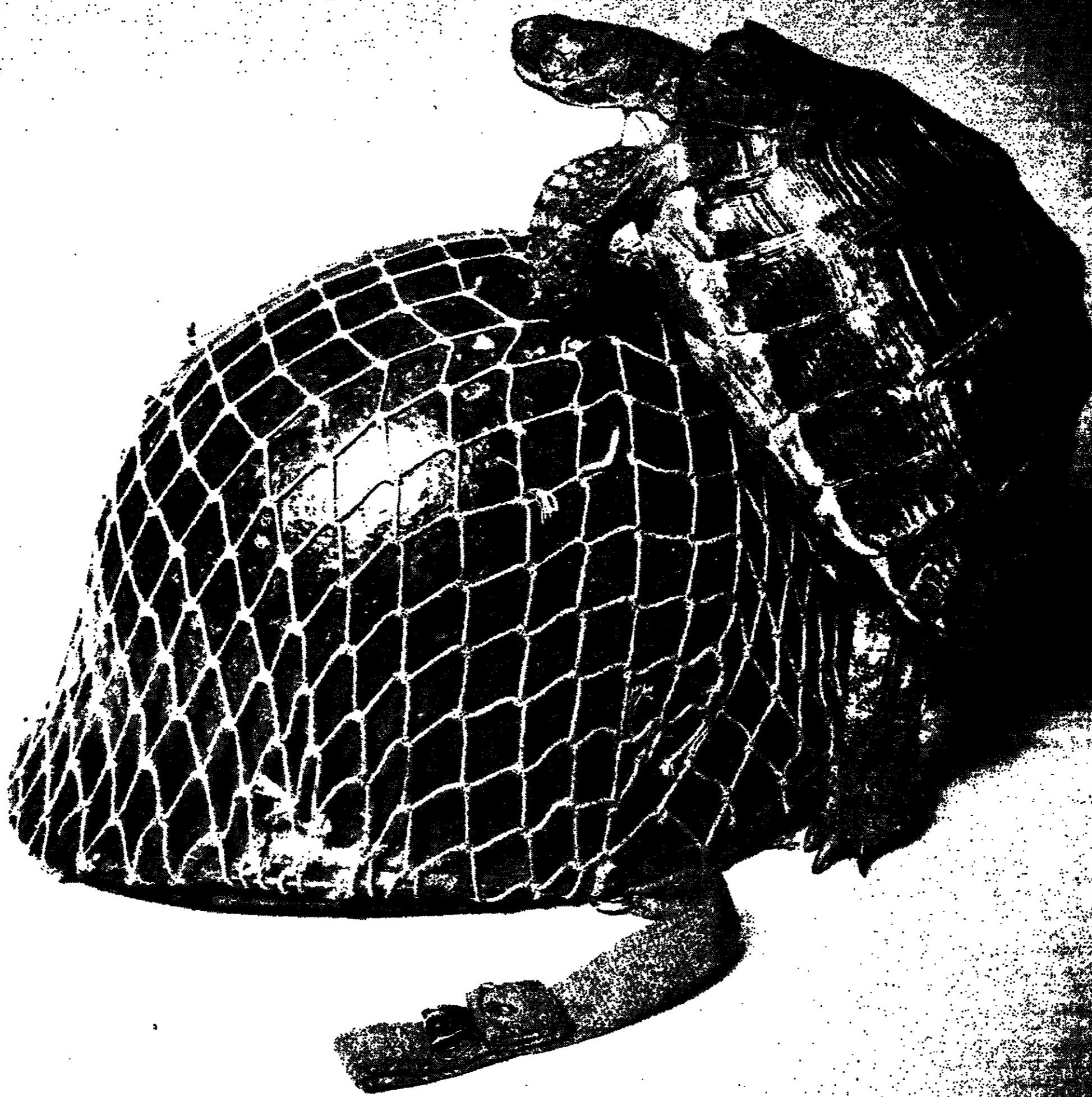
Manmata Banerjee, the Indian minister of youth affairs and sports, told parliament that the government was aware of the kidnapping of potential jockeys and was taking steps to prevent it.

Indian police told re-

porters that boys as young as two had been kidnapped and taken to Gulf states where camel racing is a popular sport. The children were often tied against their will to the backs of the racing camels. Tens of thousands of dollars of prize money are at stake and the top racing camels can fetch \$500,000 (£260,000).

The scandal, which the Arab camel-owners have been anxious to conceal, gathered momentum last month when police and immigration officials in Delhi rescued eight Bangladeshi boys allegedly being smuggled to Dubai. The fiercest rivalry is between owners from Dubai and Abu Dhabi.

Three months earlier, police in Bombay rescued 25 Bangladeshi aged between two and five who were also allegedly being smuggled to the Middle East as jockeys. Child recruits usually live on the farms of camel trainers, where it is alleged they are often harshly treated.



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Clinton takes big poll lead and woos voters abandoned by Perot

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN NEW YORK

DEMOCRATS left New York galvanised and full of hope yesterday after an unusually harmonious convention that moved the party well towards the centre, sent Bill Clinton surging past President Bush in the polls, and set the scene for a ferocious election campaign this autumn.

In a nomination acceptance speech on Thursday that brought the convention to a climactic end, the Arkansas governor struck the first blow with a passionate appeal to what he called the "army of patriots for change", left stranded by Ross Perot's sudden withdrawal from the presidential race just hours earlier. "Join us. Work with us. Win with us," he pleaded. "Together we can make the country we love the country it was meant to be." The Republicans were "the forces of greed and defenders of the status quo".

In the most crucial speech of his career, Mr Clinton also went all out for the centrist white swing vote that has handed Republicans the White House in five of the last six elections. With delegates roaring approval, he accepted the nomination "in the name of all the people who do the work, pay the taxes, raise the kids and play by the rules — the hard-working Americans who make up our forgotten middle class".

Above all, the man once dubbed "Slick Willie" sought to portray himself not as a politician, but as a caring and trustworthy human being. "Tonight I want to tell you, as plainly as I can, who I am, what I believe in and where I want to lead America," he said at the start of a 54-minute



speech which dwelt on the homespun, all-American values of hard work, family, faith and patriotism instilled by his hard and impoverished small-town youth.

The convention ended with the families of Mr Clinton and Al Gore, his running mate, filling the stage. Hillary Clinton and Tipper Gore, Mr Gore's wife, doing a brief ecstatic dance together, and the whole of Madison Square rocking to the Fleetwood Mac song "Don't Stop Thinking About Tomorrow".

Mr Clinton and Mr Gore set off today for a six-day, eight-state swing campaign through the American heartland, determined to maintain their momentum. Vice-President Dan Quayle headed for Southern states where Republican prospects have soared after Mr Perot's withdrawal.

Late July and August is a slack campaigning period, but not this year.

The week of mounting political drama left Mr Clinton better placed to win the White House than any Democrat since Jimmy Carter in 1976, though the traditional convention "bounce" rarely lasts long. A new CNN-USA Today

poll yesterday showed that Mr Clinton, on 56 per cent, had opened a remarkable 23-point lead over Mr Bush, on 33, while an ABC News poll of likely voters gave him an even larger lead of 58 per cent to 29. Barely a week ago, before the convention and before naming Mr Gore as his running mate, Mr Clinton was locked in a virtual tie with Mr Bush and Mr Perot.

The polls contained further good news for Mr Clinton. Those who viewed him favourably as a person leaped 18 points since early July to a new high of 59 per cent, while there was a corresponding 20-point drop to 29 per cent among those he turns off. Moreover, the polls suggested that, initially at least, the Democrats were likely to benefit more than the Republicans from Mr Perot's departure. One showed a 53-35 per cent division of the so-called "Perot-nistas" in Mr Clinton's favour, the other a 47-31 per cent division.

However, Mr Perot's withdrawal permits the Republicans to declare open season on Mr Clinton without fear of driving his supporters to a third candidate and the overwhelming purpose of the Democrat's speech was to arm himself against those attacks while broadening his appeal. Earnest not rabble-rousing, it was clearly aimed at the millions watching on television rather than the delegates around him.

Mr Clinton sought to build his defences against the inevitable further assaults on his character by promoting a powerful and hopefully ineradicable alternative image.

The speech came after a 14-minute biographical film which emphasised his love of family but glossed over the more controversial episodes in his life.

The Bush campaign team had already sought to woo middle America by painting Mr Clinton and Mr Gore as tax-and-spend liberals. The Arkansas governor pointedly combined compassion with toughness, stressing his commitment to economic growth, strong defence, welfare as a "second chance, not a way of life", and parental responsibility. He was, he insisted, pro-choice, but not pro-abortion.

Mr Clinton sought also to pre-empt the sort of Republican attacks that destroyed Michael Dukakis in 1988. There had been no "Arkansas miracle", he said, but whereas Mr Bush had taken "the richest country in the world and brought it down, we took one of the poorest states in the country and lifted it up".

He seized for himself the traditional Republican issues of patriotism and family values. Successive Republican administrations had undermined the Pledge of Allegiance, which talks of "One nation, under God, indivisible" by practising the cynical politics of division. He was fed up with politicians in Washington lecturing Americans about family values. Our families have values. Our government does not.

He told Mr Bush: "Your time has come and gone. It's time for a change. We can do better."

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Tennessee waltz: Senator Al Gore dancing with his wife, Tipper, at the Democratic convention in New York after accepting the party's vice-presidential nomination. They are watched by their son, Albert

Democrat seeks immunity from the adaptable Republican virus

THIS week Bill Clinton began a painful course of inoculations, each shot designed to ward off the political diseases that are potentially most dangerous to him over the coming presidential campaign. Next week, as he tours the country to try to consolidate his new lead in the polls, he will begin to discover if the treatment is working.

Governor Clinton's speech accepting the presidential nomination of his party was too long and turgid in parts. It perhaps owed too much to the list of Franklin Roosevelt's policy pronouncements he had been studying in his hotel room. But after a triumphant week presenting party unity, that hardly mattered. His main job was to present himself as a man immune to character assassination.

He admitted that some voters did not trust him. To counter this perception, he took his audience on an extended tour of his poor Arkansas home and alcohol-abusing family. There he learnt values from his grandfather that were more powerful than anything absorbed from "the philosophers of Oxford", he said, neatly dealing with the fatal notion that he might be an intellectual.

He admitted that Democratic leaders were part of both the problem and the solution. His attack on the "brain-dead politics in Washington" was not enjoyed by Democratic congressional chiefs whose contribution to the convention had been strictly limited by the Clinton team.

He did not, however, claim as Michael Dukakis did in 1988, that his own state was the perfect paradigm of what government needed to do.

There is no "Arkansas miracle", he said, attempting to pre-empt the ploys of Republi-

can researchers who have been tramping all over his home ground in search of polluted rivers, politically correct teachers and politically corrupt business barons. He described his state as "struggling against some problems we haven't solved yet but full of great people doing amazing things".

He tried to counter the impression this week that the new Democrats are the pro-abortion party. One of the bitterest behind-the-scenes battles in Madison Square Garden was against Robert Casey, Pennsylvania's Democratic governor, who was refused a chance to promote his call for restrictions in abortion law.

The Republicans, who have problems of their own on the issue, will certainly try to paint Bill Clinton as the "ultimate social liberal" with a dubious personal record. Their aim will be the key constituency in a classic two-party race: the conservative, often Catholic, Democrats of the northeastern working class. To them, Governor Clinton addressed his remarks about "this difficult and painful decision" and went on: "Hear me now: I am not pro-abortion, I am pro-choice."

"Family values" is the slogan set to dominate the politics of the coming months. Hillary Clinton has this week been re-packaged as the working wife and mother who "taught" Bill Clinton the vital importance of education. The Republicans will say that they have family values and the

Democrats, particularly Bill Clinton's baby-boomer team, do not.

Bill Clinton did as much as he could on Thursday night to protect himself from the killer virus of 1992. Twelve-year old Chelsea Clinton, who played little part in the primary campaign, was strongly displayed both on stage and in the promotional film that preceded the big speech. Commenting on the Jennifer Flowers allegations and the television talk show in which the Clintons defended their marriage, she said: "I'm glad that you are my parents." It won one of the biggest cheers of the night.

Republicans have been looking hard at allegations surrounding Governor Clinton's younger brother, Roger, who is linked to a number of alleged cocaine and corruption scandals. As if to say "he's my brother and I have real

family values", the campaign produced Roger Clinton to sing a short solo role in the convention's final anthem.

The scenes after the speech was over roused the spirits of Mr Clinton's supporters more than the speech itself. Old

friends and enemies climbed on to the space-age set for the last time and danced before the cameras to the sounds of Fleetwood Mac's song "Don't Stop Thinking About Tomorrow". Even this piece of rock music was a parable about surviving the strains of modern life and marriage.

The 41st Democratic Convention was minutely planned down to the last note, drum-beat and balloon. The television producers loved it. To judge from telephone talk show reaction yesterday, audiences loved it too.

Today, Bill Clinton and Al Gore, his running mate, set off on the campaign trail bolstered by opinion polls that put the Democrats well ahead of President Bush. Nationwide polls on Thursday night by USA Today-CNN and ABC both gave Mr Clinton a 23-point lead.

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Hillary Clinton: wife and working mother

President looks to Baker for inspiration

FROM JAMIE DETTMER
IN WASHINGTON

AS DEMOCRATIC and Republican strategists returned to their drawing boards yesterday to plot new campaigns to accommodate the abrupt withdrawal of Ross Perot from the presidential race, there were signs that President Bush is seriously considering asking James Baker, the US Secretary of State, to return to the White House to direct his re-election efforts. Mr Baker master-minded the president's victory in 1988.

Conservatives have been urging President Bush for weeks to replace Samuel Skinner, his White House chief of staff, with Mr Baker and to shake-up his campaign. Robert Mosbacher, the titular head of the Bush-Quayle '92 campaign and, like Mr Baker, one of Mr Bush's oldest friends, is among those demanding change.

While Karl Marx may have believed that when history repeats itself, it invariably produces farce, Republican conservatives are not so sure. They are convinced that with Mr Baker once again at the election helm, the drift in Mr Bush's campaign will be corrected. A few weeks ago, as the criticism of Mr Skinner's performance mounted, Mr Bush said that he had no intention of recalling Mr Baker. On Thursday, he broke off a fishing holiday he was taking with Mr Baker to comment on Mr Perot's decision to withdraw from the presidential race. When asked if he was considering any changes, Mr Bush was coy but refused to close the door on Mr Baker's return. He noted that Mr Baker had a "full portfolio" of diplomatic duties and was very involved in trying to speed up the Middle East peace negotiations. "But after that, who knows?"

He declined to lay the rumours to rest about Mr Baker. "No. I can't resolve it here today at all. I have not talked about that with Mr Baker yet," the president said. He added: "All options are open ... I want to win this election and I want the last possible team around me."

Republican sources say that even with Mr Perot out of the way and the race narrowed to a traditional struggle between the Democrats and the Republicans, Mr Bush still faces an uphill struggle. "We had a White House that didn't operate before Perot was a factor and we'll have the same tomorrow without Perot," one Republican on the conservative wing of the party said. "It has to be fixed."

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The Republicans, who gather in Houston next month, are going fiercely for the same prize. After the Perot interlude, America's politicians are back to business as both sides know it best.

Paradise Valley sect drains springs of Old Faithful

THE tranquillity of Yellowstone National Park, America's biggest nature reserve, has been broken by feuds between ecologists and members of a fundamentalist sect whose headquarters borders the park. The activities of the faithful, say scientists, are threatening Old Faithful, the huge geyser which is the park's main tourist attraction.

A US appeals court ruled that Jeff Williams, the illegitimate daughter of country music legend Hank Williams Sr, is entitled to share the royalties from his songs. Williams, whose real name is Cathy Young, Stone, should receive 25 per cent to 33 per cent of the royalties generated by her father's music since 1982.

While most pundits focus on differences between the presidential contenders, Richard Nixon sees a similarity — all are lefties. "They're all left-handers. That's never happened before," Nixon, an avid baseball fan, said about Ross Perot, since withdrawn. Bill Clinton and George Bush. "All baseball men will tell you all left-handers have a tendency to be wild."

Scientists fear that America's greatest natural attraction could be ruined, writes Ben Macintyre

publicans on the Senate energy committee say that the law may damage property rights.

The tenets of the Church Universal and Triumphant, which settled in the area in 1986, are somewhat eccentric, borrowing from various creeds and concluding that Jesus lived until he was 80 and travelled regularly in India. But in legal and financial matters it is strict.

The sect is demanding \$450,000 (£235,000) if its 450ft well is sealed.

The 2.2 million acres of the park, in Wyoming, Montana and Idaho, contain 60 per cent of the world's geysers. Officials and environmentalists fear that other neighbouring landowners, seeing financial profit, may start sinking wells and devastate the ecology, as has already happened in parts of California and Nevada. The Supreme Court has ruled that landowners should be compensated when land use is restricted, but it is not clear how this decision affects environmental laws.

Last year Congress introduced the Old Faithful Protection Act to prevent landowners from tapping into the hot springs around the park, but the legislation foundered in the Senate last month after lobbying by property rights activists. Re-

PEOPLE

Domingo flies to Seville after opera singer falls to his death

Plácido Domingo, the Spanish tenor, flew from Germany to Seville early yesterday morning after hearing that Annick Josséte Luce Taffary, a French opera singer had been killed and 35 others injured, four seriously, during rehearsals for Verdi's *Otello*, in which he was due to appear this weekend. He visited the injured and later went to the Maestranza theatre, where the accident occurred. A Seville judge, Andrés Palacios, has opened an investigation into why a walkway collapsed and fell more than 20ft.

President Menem of Argentina has announced that he will donate all his organs for transplants upon his death. The high-living president, who at 62 plays soccer and loves fast cars, said he was bequeathing his body "as an act of love" and an example for others to follow.

Actress Sean Young is trying her hand at country music. She recorded some songs in Nashville and is to perform at

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Carrington secures ceasefire in Bosnia

By MICHAEL BINYON IN SARAJEVO AND EVE-ANN PRENTICE

THE first slender hope of peace in Bosnia emerged in London yesterday when the former Yugoslav republic's warring factions agreed to put their heavy weapons under United Nations supervision and to begin a 14-day ceasefire from tomorrow evening.

The Bosnian leaders also declared that all refugees would be allowed to return home and agreed to gather in London for more talks on a future constitution for Bosnia on July 27. The last-minute breakthrough in the EC-sponsored talks came after three days of tortuous negotiations.

Beaten dragons look for haven in Europe

FROM TIM JUDAH IN ZAPREŠIĆ, CROATIA

THE Dragons of Bosnia are vanquished. A rag-tag Bosnian army with families in tow yesterday sweltered in suburban Zagreb railway stations as smart commuters looked askance before speeding off for the weekend.

"We have been betrayed," said Mirela Mandic, a 20-year-old girl fighter, still wearing her camouflage jacket with the dragon insignia of the First Bosnian Volunteer Shock Brigade. "Bosnia is Serbia now and Herzegovina is Croatia."

Some 1,500 Bosnian soldiers sat on the tracks or slept in the luggage racks of their crowded train. In another station, women, children and old people awaited a decision on their fate.

The defeated Bosnian troops and their families yesterday threatened to roam Europe looking for a new home. Croatia, already overflowing with refugees, has moved to deport this new group of up to 4,000 people but Austria and Italy have closed their borders to them. Yesterday their trains sat in Zepče and Savski Marof stations, 10 miles west of Zagreb and close to the Slo-

vene frontier, refused entry until another country agrees to take them.

"We don't want to stay here," said Miss Mandic with tears in her eyes. "Why can't they let us go on to Sweden, Norway or Finland or somewhere that has said they will accept us? Here we are nothing."

Around her neck she wore a silver Kennedy dollar coin. Its inscription is "Liberty". Until three months ago she was a medical student.

The Bosnian soldiers Muslim and Croat, claimed they had been betrayed and that Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadžić had agreed with his Croat counterpart, Mate Boban, that the Croats would take western Herzegovina and the Serbs the strategic northern corridor of Bosnia.

"We fought as long as we had support from the Croatian tanks, then last week they pulled them back saying they had to repair them," said one soldier.

Muslim soldiers said that although they were technically Bosnian government troops, in Posavina they had had to take orders from the better-organised and well-armed Bosnian Croat Army.

with Haris Silajdžić, the Bosnian foreign minister, Radovan Karadžić, leader of the republic's Serbs, and Mate Boban, the Croat official.

Lord Carrington, chairman of the EC peace conference, admitted that he did not know how the aircraft, artillery, mortars and rocket-launchers in Bosnia would be placed under UN supervision that was a matter for the UN.

Dr Karadžić later said he was "very optimistic" about the talks, but said that the Serbs were not prepared to surrender heavy weapons.

"We're ready to put it under

supervision of the UN, but we're not ready to disarm ourselves in order to make it easier for them to kill us."

Lord Carrington, who was grim-faced and tense after his initial meetings on Wednesday, was relaxed and smiling yesterday. "I have been responsible for a number of ceasefires and most of them have broken down," he said. "But I think this one will be different because of the agreement on heavy weapons. The thing which is encouraging in these talks with Ambassador Cutiéiro [the EC negotiator] is that the atmosphere was much more realistic than it had been in previous talks in Lisbon." He added that it was "mildly encouraging" that all three had agreed to come back to London. "I do not want to be too optimistic but not too pessimistic."

Senhor Culleir, who spent almost three days shuttling between the Bosnian leaders, said: "At the last talk I had with them in Lisbon, they were more unco-operative. Now we have the political will. Whether they are tired of war, I don't know."

The fragile optimism in London came as Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, travelled to Sarajevo, the Bosnian capital. During a brief and hazardous visit, he told President Izetbegović that the deal negotiated by Lord Carrington would not be another Munich, and no one was suggesting that the Bosnian leader should give up

"We are not going to accept the partition of Bosnia as if it were some Poland of the 18th century that can be split up between rulers of different states without regard to the people who live there," Mr Hurd said after talks in the bomb-damaged presidential palace. The Bosnian leader said any ceasefire would depend on a withdrawal of the heavy artillery that has inflicted massive damage on the city. The Serbs are still pounding several suburbs with mortar and shells each night.

THE German parliament is being recalled from its summer recess on Wednesday for a four-hour debate which will cost taxpayers about £12 a second. The opposition Social Democrats (SPD) have exercised their right to question the government's decision to send a destroyer and three spotters aircraft to monitor sanctions-breaking in the Adriatic.

The SPD claims that the government has ignored the

Opposition makes Bonn recall MPs

FROM IAN MURRAY
IN BONN

constitution by sending Bundeswehr units to join the operation. According to the opposition, the constitution only allows German forces to be used outside Nato's area for humanitarian, environmental protection or relief of natural catastrophes. It is considering asking the Constitutional Court to order the ships and aircraft to return.

France goes ga-ga the American way

Charles Bremner finds the French appetite for American pop art, fast food, fashion and language growing

It has been a standard week for culture in France. On the day the esteemed Festival of Avignon cancelled all shows because of a strike, *Batman Returns* stormed Paris, forcing serious newspapers to put Michelle Pfeiffer on their front pages and sending the critics into reverent adoration of the behemoth from Hollywood.

"A master work," *Libération* said. "Beware of the sensual catwoman," proclaimed *Le Figaro* alongside its page one reports on Maastricht and the Middle East. Perhaps because it eschews pictures, even the curves of Ms Pfeiffer, the august *Le Monde* neglected to praise *Batman*, although it did use its front page last weekend to hail the "ambiguous messianism" of Prince.

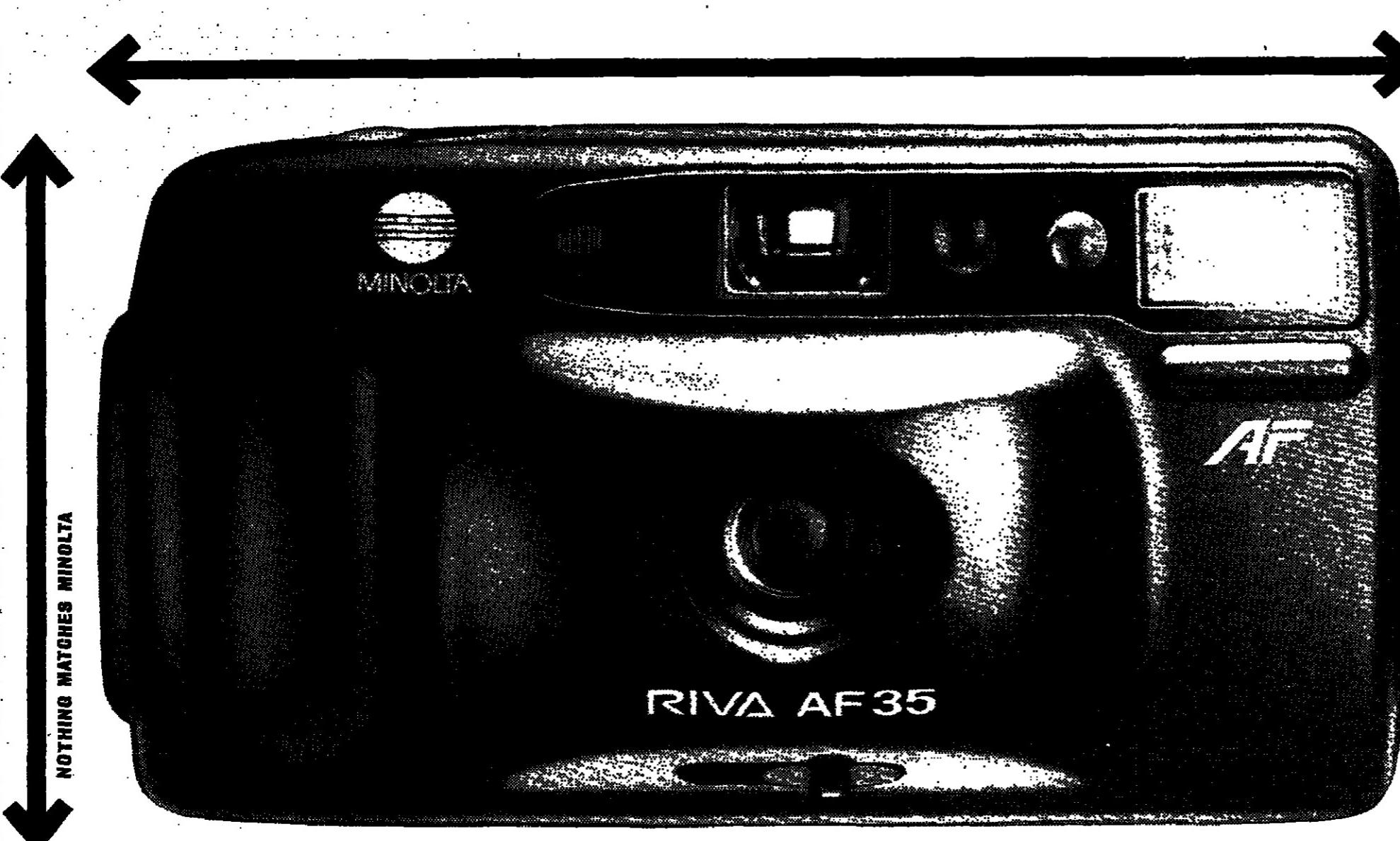
Only months after the fizzle over Disney's "cultural Chernobyl", France has lost none of its passion for elevating American pop, sometimes of dubious quality, to the status of art. They have been doing it long enough, starting with Mallarmé and Baudelaire's "discovery" of Edgar Allan Poe all the way through Jerry Lewis to Mickey Rourke, who featured in a two-hour television film this week.

A few intellectuals may fulminate against *la culture cartoon de Mickey*, and Régis Debray and his friends may have just dashed off an appeal to President Mitterrand to save the language, but France is as in love with America as it has ever been. A new arrival from New York can get the

look destroy. ("Your stunning appearance is great").

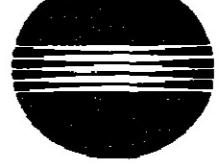
The craze for American fashion and language was best explained the other day by Guy Azoulay. As "Charles Chevignon" he has made a fortune marketing pseudo-American clothes and accessories, often emblazoned with slogans such as "bag guaranteed ideal for leisure and job". "C'est une world community," said M Azoulay, speaking French. "Les jeunes veulent avoir le truc (thing) 'be cool', le côte 'fresh and juicy'."

Paul Yonnet, a sociologist, argued the other day that the fascination with rap music and MacDo's (McDonald's) "does not translate as a desire to be American, but rather a desire to identify with certain American roles. So fast-food acts as a system of opposition to traditional French values."



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Havel resigns as Slovakia asserts its independence

FROM GERARD DAVIES IN PRAGUE

VÁCLAV Havel will resign as president of Czechoslovakia on Monday, he told MPs after a declaration of Slovak sovereignty over federal laws in Bratislava yesterday.

In a letter to the federal assembly, the former playwright says he would cease working for the federation at 6pm on Monday and promised to give his reasons in a television statement.

Vladimir Mečiar, the Slovak leader who has blocked all attempts at electing a new president, easily pushed through the latest stage of his programme towards independence with a vote of 113-24 in the Slovak parliament in favour of sovereignty. He also managed to thwart attempts to give minorities greater rights by voting against a new law which was particularly aimed at helping the 600,000 Hungarians.

The Hungarian community has now threatened to declare autonomy and government advisers will warn foreign companies to put investment plans for the Slovak region on ice, according to sources. Mr Mečiar said: "Fi-

nally, after 1,000 years, Slovaks will have the freedom to be themselves and a chance to build a new state."

Left-wing leaders expressed surprise at Mr Havel's decision not to stand for a third round of presidential elections. Right-wing politicians, however, rallied round the president. They described his decision as reasonable, given the recent stalemate in the federal assembly which has ended round of the presidential elections.

Mr Klaus blamed the confusion for allowing the Slovaks to gain such power. In spite of two years of tough negotiations and more than 70 amendments, it is still fundamentally communist.

The Slovak cabinet now consists of about two-thirds former communists, with serious allegations of secret police involvement against a number of senior figures, including Mr Mečiar himself.

Mr Klaus said: "The Slovaks' proclamation was enabled by the communist constitution of 1978. I believe the business people coming from the West to the Czech republic will understand very well its situation as the only one post-communist nation



which has sailed on to the sea of market economy without problems."

Jan Carnogursky, former Slovak prime minister whose Christian Democratic Movement is now in opposition and voted against the declaration of sovereignty, said Mr Havel's decision would harm Slovakia's image. The world will link the president's resignation with the adoption of the declaration of Slovak sovereignty and it is bound to be received negatively, Mr Carnogursky said.

Jozef Moravcik, a Slovak and Czechoslovakia's new foreign minister, called Mr Havel's decision "one of the steps that will lead to a new state set-up". The president was sure to become firmly embedded in the structures of the Czech republic, he said.

In Bonn last night the German government expressed regret at Mr Havel's resignation, hailing his often lonely role as a pathfinder of democracy in Eastern Europe. In a poignant statement, Klaus Kinkel, the foreign minister, said Mr Havel's "personal integrity has strengthened the meaning of human and moral values in politics".



Curtain call: Václav Havel, playwright president of Czechoslovakia, who is to resign on Monday

Wave of strikes sweeps Poland

FROM PATRICIA KOZA IN WARSAW

Brussels plans EC secrets act

Brussels: European Community governments are considering a Brussels proposal for an EC official secrets act, which would involve the vetting by national authorities of all citizens with access to sensitive information (Tom Walker writes).

The idea was mooted in 1988 by the German government, which encouraged the European Commission to draw up guidelines that are now being discussed in the Council of Ministers. A German spokesman confirmed yesterday that the proposal would be on the council agenda after the summer break.

Although Britain has expressed disquiet over the proposals, a source said yesterday that a new text could win Whitehall approval. Britain and Germany feel a secrets act would be appropriate to future EC common policy in areas like defence.

Cuban defects

Madrid: Ernesto Wong, the intelligence chief at the Cuban embassy here, has defected and sought political asylum in Spain, less than a week before Fidel Castro, Cuba's leader, is scheduled to visit Madrid. He is currently under police protection. (AP)

Target moved

Geneva: Majority agreement has been reached on bringing forward the target date for phasing out ozone-destroying chemicals to 1995 from the year 2000 set in the Montreal protocol. This was announced after a meeting of 60 signatory nations.

Trip blocked

Caracas: The Venezuelan Congress unanimously refused to let President Pérez attend the Ibero-American heads of state meeting in Spain next week, saying the political situation at home was too unstable for him to travel. (AP)

Border sealed

Teknaf: Burma has deployed thousands of troops and heavy artillery along its border with Bangladesh after cancelling talks on the repatriation of an estimated 270,000 Burmese Muslim refugees from southern Bangladesh.

Slug surprise

Tokyo: Japanese police arrested a man for stuffing a rival firm's bean curd with cockroaches and slugs. Isao Onishi put insect-contaminated tofu among the other firm's supermarket displays as a way of protecting his business. (Reuters)

Kiev's clinics run out of painkillers

Using abortion as a means of birth control is under review in the former republics. Robert Seely writes in Kiev

Shortages of basic medicines are forcing some women in Ukraine to undergo abortions without anaesthetics, according to senior doctors here.

Where stocks of medicines have dwindled, women must either pay a hard currency or roule "tip" to nurses or porters to provide anaesthetics or forgo any use of painkillers. Anaesthetics have joined the list of medicines whose black market prices have risen as official supplies have fallen. As well as painkillers, children's medicines are a highly valued commodity. Professor Giorgi Khodorovskiy, chairman of the country's parliamentary committee on maternity, said: "The situation is profitable for those who want to supply drugs. As you say in English, it can be arranged."

Abortion is still the principal form of contraception throughout the former Soviet Union. In Russia, where four million abortions are performed annually, 400 women die and 800,000 have "serious complications" every year after the operation, according to a recent article in *Moskaya Pravda*.

The mortality rate is caused, according to Dr Olga Baran, a senior gynaecologist at Kiev's specialised abortion clinic, by doctors' lack of training. Her clinic carries out 60 abortions a day, four at a time in rooms screened from the main hall by glass

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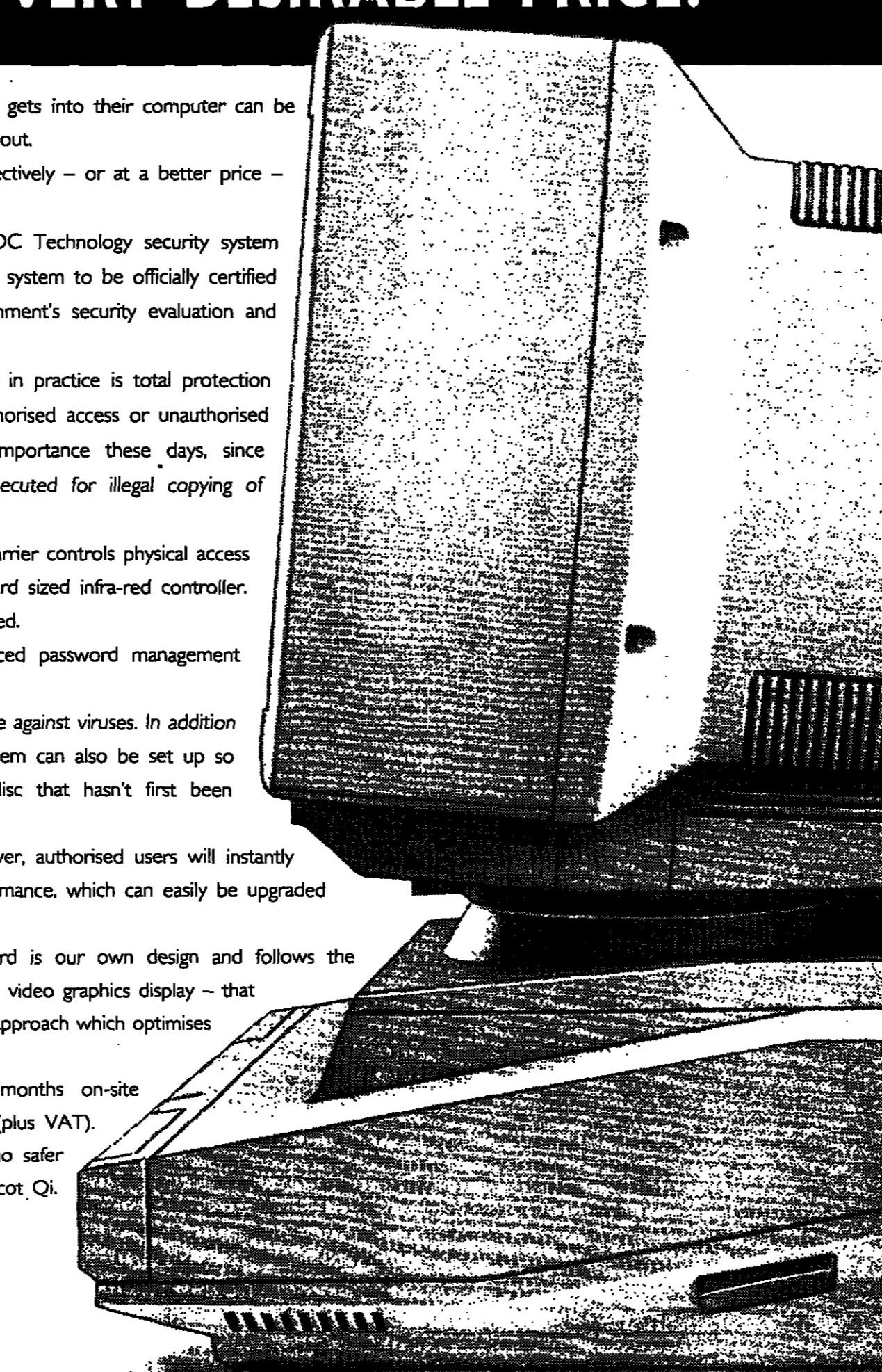
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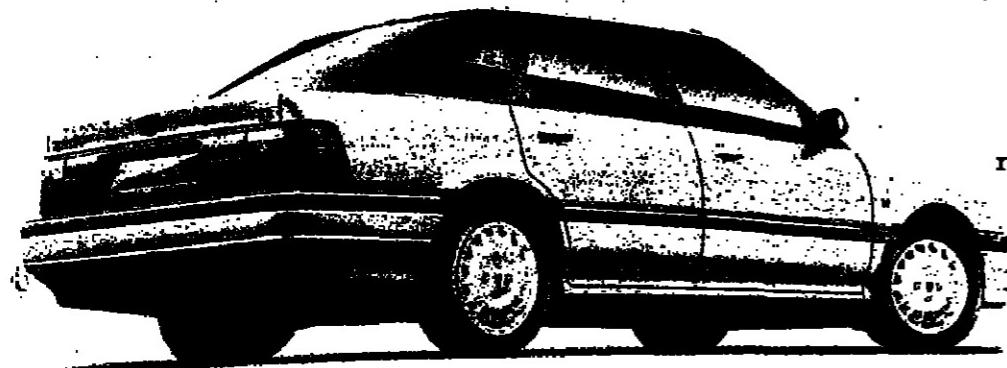
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Clifford Longley

The papacy endures as an elective dictatorship

Attention has turned to a possible change in the most enduringly powerful office in the world — not the presidency of the United States of America but the papacy. George Bush has done nearly four years and may do four more. Karol Wojtyla, John Paul II, has been Bishop of Rome since 1978. He could do 14 more at 72 he appears to be coping with major surgery this week better than men half his age.

Joseph Stalin once asked: how many divisions has the Pope? The mockery behind the question has long rebounded on its author. The papacy, for all the unfashionability of the hierarchical system it heads, clearly thrives. The soulless materialism of communism could not meet the spiritual and moral needs of generations born under Marxism. They looked for something else. Throughout eastern Europe the symbol of that something else was the man in the Vatican. He was visible. He had a name and a vision, and extraordinary personal magnetism.

Of the forces undermining the Stalinist empire in Eastern Europe, pride of place must go to Solidarity in Poland. What inspired and sustained Solidarity was the depth and fervour of Catholicism of Poland. What inspired and sustained that, in turn, was the example and encouragement of its most famous son, the former cardinal archbishop of Krakow. And it was religion, largely but not exclusively the Roman Catholic variety, which inspired and sustained the courage of many dissenters in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union.

But what sustained them, exactly? The Vatican is not a democracy, more an Italian Renaissance absolute monarchy. Only on the death of a pope does the diocese of Rome revert being one of the world's oldest democratic institutions. It elects a new bishop — a pope is fundamentally Bishop of Rome — by secret ballot of the city's parish priests, and candidates are drawn from among their number. The parish priests of Rome are of course only titularly so; they are in fact the cardinals of the Catholic Church worldwide (each given a Roman church for the sake of preserving the principle).

They are — as was Wojtyla — some of the greatest men in each of the 100 or so countries they come from. They are also, in any conclave called to elect a new pope, an electoral college with one-man, one-vote. The Catholic Church is the primary example of an elective dictatorship.

Yet except in papal conclaves, it is the hierarchical principle rather than the democratic one which characterises the government of the Catholic Church. Much is made of the way the church's hierarchical model of authority is out of step with the supposedly democratic spirit of the modern age. But the modern world should be careful not to believe its own myths. Most secular institutions — hospitals, orchestras, armies, newspapers — are run hierarchically.

Under a hierarchy, appointments are handed down and authority is delegated from above. The hierarchical principle reaches to its grass-roots, to the bottom layers of a pyramidal power structure, not for a democratic mandate, but merely for information on which to base its decisions. Its authority comes from elsewhere.

One of the great debates between the Reformers and the papacy in the 16th century was about church government, whether hierarchy — "prelacy" — was a reliable or a dangerous system for running the Christian church. Behind the debate, which is by no means closed even in the Catholic Church, are two views not just of church authority, but also of how history works. The principle of hierarchy supposes that great deeds and great movements depend above all on the impact of a few powerful and charismatic individuals. These are the tiny minority of history-shapers in whose affairs the rest of mankind are more or less powerless caught up.

The history of Christianity, with Christ and his apostles being followed by a succession of conspicuous leaders — the church's saints, popes, fathers and doctors up to the present day — seems to support that view. The Catholic Church's papal system, the hierarchical principle incarnate, is deliberately designed to find and mould a "big man" — to make the church's earthly head a major world leader, not a mere spokesman for majority opinion. This creates the possibility of such a man changing the direction of history. It is precisely that aim which also justifies the American presidential system, though the papacy has had the longer practice and perhaps so far the greater success.

Alan Hamilton wonders who would gain if the sovereign had to answer to the Inland Revenue

Should the Queen pay tax?

is absolved without question from paying income tax.

Thirdly, the Crown Estate has just produced its annual accounts, showing that in a period of severe recession, especially in the property sector, it still managed to hand over a surplus of £71 million to the exchequer. The estate is constitutional anomaly, traditionally surrendered by the monarch at the beginning of each reign; defenders of the monarch's tax exemption argue strongly that its profits more than compensate for the income tax the Queen does not pay.

Others, including the Prince of Wales, have argued that the estate should revert to the Crown and provide its income, thus removing the royal finances from the unsavory public arena. The income could even be taxed, which at the present higher rate of 40 per cent would

still have left £43 million this year. But to return the estate to the Crown would be in effect to privatise the monarchy and turn the Queen into just another landowner, indistinguishable from, say, the Duke of Westminster, except that of the two, he is said to be the richer.

Unfortunately, as the advertisements in another section of this newspaper are obliged to remind us, investments can go down as well as up. A shortfall on estate profits could mean the monarch going crown in hand to Parliament to beg a subsidy to keep the yacht afloat or the rain out of Windsor Castle. The overall cost of the monarchy, including palaces, royal yacht, Queen's Flight and all the other paraphernalia, is estimated by the Royal Trustees at about £56 million a year.

There is a strong feeling abroad, given voice by last

summer's private member's bill introduced by the Liberal Democrat MP, Simon Hughes, that the Queen's tax exemption should be ended, especially now that it is realised that monarchs did pay their taxes until George VI negotiated exemption. The details remain a mystery, as the relevant papers have curiously vanished from the Public Record Office.

The present government is highly unlikely to support any moves to extract income tax from the Queen; the Hughes bill never had any chance of success. But the population at large, judging by a large number of opinion polls in recent months, are in favour of the monarch filling in her tax form like everyone else. What they do not fully grasp is quite how complicated a document it would be.

What do you tax? The Civil List? That would seem pointless, handing out a grant and then taking some of it back. The revenues of the Duchy of Lancaster, now about £3 million a year? Perhaps, but the Queen uses much of that income for official and semi-official purposes, such as her clothes (a legitimate working expense in her case) and reimbursing the Civil List payments to her cousins in the Kents and Gloucesters. She would no doubt wish to claim all those as allowable expenses.

That leaves her private income, the size of which is often guessed at, sometimes wildly, but which in truth remains unknown. George VI inherited £750,000 from his father; after buying Sandringham and Balmoral from his abdicating brother, he was left with £450,000 — about £15 million at today's values. Those investments, wisely husbanded, will

have grown, but the Queen has undoubtedly drawn heavily on both capital and income over the years.

In 1971 Lord Cobbold, then Lord Chamberlain, told a Commons select committee that estimates of £50 million for the sovereign's personal wealth were a wild exaggeration. Those magazine league tables which list the Queen as the world's richest woman at £6.6 billion are also hopelessly off beam, as they tend to include the crown jewels, the royal picture collection and other items which by law or custom belong to the nation, or at least the institution of the crown, rather than to the individual.

Best possible estimates indicate a true personal holding of something around £30 million. Allow an annual income of 10 per cent, tax that at 40 per cent, and you arrive at a yield to the Inland Revenue of £1.2 million. This would be small beer in the grand scheme of things, but a gesture that would bring her immeasurably closer to her suffering subjects.

British Labour Party and his future chief of staff, who has managed 160 Munros after a heart transplant.

Even Mr Smith's friends admit that he is not interested in political ideas as such, in the way that his younger allies such as Gordon Brown and Tony Blair are. He sees ideas as a means to an end. But he has firm political convictions based on his Scottish background. Self-consciously not part of London society, he believes he is "more critical of the institutions of the English establishment". He has sympathy with the attempts of Lord Mackay, the Lord Chancellor and a fellow Scot, to reform the English legal system. He talks warmly about Scotland — the value his countrymen place on state education and skills. Still a member of the Church of Scotland, he believes politics is essentially a moral activity. He has an inner core of beliefs which his self-confidence translates into policies without an agonised intellectual debate. He rejects suggestions that he does not understand southern England, arguing that he knows how Labour can attract middle-class voters, because of its success in doing so in Scotland.

Party critics question whether his strategy will be just to wait for the Tories to trip up over the economy. For the past three months, he has left all his options open and he will remain relaxed about a continuing policy debate. He is trusted by members of the left, such as Tony Benn, whom he served as an energy minister. This is in spite of being on the right of the party.

Allies argue that, in spite of his instinctive caution, he can be decisive when he is persuaded of a cause, more so than Mr Kinnock. He was, after all, responsible for Labour's much-criticised redistributive tax plans before the election. So, if during the arguments of the next year or so he is convinced of the need for radical change, radical change there will be.

Mr Smith has yet to show whether he is prepared to be as tough as Mr Kinnock. Later today he will be given the overwhelming authority, as Lord Callaghan never had, to initiate such changes and to show whether he is more than a safe caretaker.

Labour's owl of the remove

John Smith needs to prove himself a radical as Labour leader, Peter Riddell says

John Smith paused when I asked him which previous Labour leader he most admired and would now seek to emulate. No, not Harold Wilson, who had made him a minister in 1974 but whom he had not really known. He was not a good example. Mr Smith then mentioned the achievements of Attlee, now accepted as one of Labour's best leaders — he knew "what the right thing was and did it."

The most underestimated Labour leader, he suggested, was James Callaghan, who never had the chance for a full term.

It was not just that Lord Callaghan had made him the youngest cabinet minister in 1978. Mr Smith said he was "extremely skillful. I was impressed by his avuncular judgment." The choice is revealing since Lord Callaghan displays some of the strengths, self-confidence and decisiveness, and weaknesses, caution and reluctance to confront internal splits, which critics see in Mr Smith.

Mr Smith's election is curiously double-edged. He will become leader later this afternoon by an overwhelming majority, virtual acclamation. But he takes over amid faint praise by outside commentators, political opponents and many in his own party. The right leader for the last election, the wrong generation, a Scot out-of-touch with southern England, "our bank manager to their bank manager," boring and the author of Labour's tax plans at the election are among widely-heard complaints.

Nobody disputes his brains, his debating skills and his incisiveness. Like Attlee, he has little patience with woolly arguments. One shadow cabinet colleague says he is liable to

interrupt somebody who is plainly waffling and say, "I just don't understand what you are talking about." The now uncertain wafer is then subject to a rigorous cross-examination. Journalists also know to beware when, in his best barrister's manner, Mr Smith answers a question by saying "with respect" or, even more ominously, "with great respect".

Mr Smith could have prospered at the Bar. In 1982, when he still occasionally took on a case in the summer to supplement his parliamentary pay, he was retained to defend a pilot and a navigator of an RAF Phantom who were charged with criminal negligence after accidentally shooting down a Jaguar, whose crew were able to bail out.

In all the formality of a field general court martial, he argued that it was a case of ordinary negligence in view of the lack of organisation at the airfield. His clients received just a severe reprimand and are still flying.

He remains one of the best debaters in the House of Commons, a talent he learnt when he had to capture the attention of irreverent audiences at Glasgow University in the late 1950s. One Labour MP remembers when he led the party's team on an employment bill in the mid-1980s. He would wander into the standing committee, listen to the debate, pick up the main threads and deliver a withering attack on the government.

In contrast to Neil Kinnock, who shines in conference speeches, Mr Smith is at his best

in the more conversational and forensic style of the Commons. He knows how to win over an audience by making a joke. He relished his battles over the Westland affair in early 1986, when ministers were "all over the place", which delighted Labour MPs and established his national reputation. Shadow chancellor for the past five years, he most enjoyed his exchanges with Nigel Lawson — the "hand-to-hand combat day after day" of the 1987 to 1989 period. He has no particular feelings about John Major, whom he faced

directly for a year. But the prime minister should not be complacent: Mr Smith promises to be a sharp and witty adversary at prime minister's questions.

The main doubt about Mr Smith is whether he is too much the tightly disciplined advocate to inspire his party. He has been committed a political career since his student days. But he is no doubt Presbyterian barrister. He used his knowledge of Scottish seats to win a "substantial" sum of money on the results at the 1966 election. This helped to finance his way to the Bar.

Mr Smith has to communicate his warmth. Any conversation is fun, full of often earthy stories about the vagaries of politics. He will also need to overcome doubts about his health. He answers questions about the recovery from his serious heart attack in 1988 by pointing to a map on his office wall showing the number of Munros, the 277 Scottish peaks over 3,000 feet, which he has climbed. So far, the score is 96. He is in a friendly rivalry over the number climbed with Murray Elder, secretary of the Scot-

Too plain John Smith

ANYONE hoping to find skeletons in John Smith's closet is likely to be disappointed. Those who have dug deep into his past have found so little of any interest that the BBC's *Panorama* has cancelled a programme about the new Labour leader's background after a month's intensive research.

The Brixton boyhood of John Major, so often derided as the grey man, seems dynamic and funny, by comparison.

Michael Crick, a *Panorama* researcher, spent four weeks delving into Smith's background, involving numerous trips to Scotland. He came back empty-handed. Crick is prevented by his contract from discussing why the programme was shelved but says:

"The interesting thing about politicians is how their views evolve and how they change their positions. Tony Benn and Neil Kinnock being good examples. John Smith is so solid and consistent that what he says today is what he was saying in 1988."

Publishers have also backed away. A new party leader can usually expect a potboiler to hit the bookshops within months. When Neil Kinnock became Labour leader in 1983, the journalist Robert Harris produced an instant book. Several biographies of Bill Clinton are already in the pipeline in America and when John Major succeeded Margaret Thatcher there were no less than three books within six months. But Giles Gordon, literary agent to, among others, Prince Charles, Sir Bernard Ingham and Peter Ackroyd, says there is no prospect of a Smith biography. "I cannot think of anything more boring. There is no interest in John Smith anywhere. A maga-

zine article would be the limit of my interest — and a pretty short one at that."

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BEFORE Ian Woosnam and Nick Faldo tee off at Muirfield on the final day of the British Open tomorrow, they may consider visiting the local parish church for inspiration. The Rev Norman Faulds, holding a special morning golf service and has even organised a putting championship in the church aisles. Faulds, the minister at Gullane Parish Church, who boasts a handicap of 17, has written a sermon for the occasion complete with religious references to "Faith and your putter" and "Put through prayer". The hour-long

service will be the limit of my interest — and a pretty short one at that."

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ten charges (money laundering, cocaine manufacturing and distribution, racketeering and the building of a drug laboratory in Panama in April 1992). Similar details of Winnie Mandela's imprisonment are given in full. The crimes of Erich Honecker are not detailed, but his entry reading "still residing in the Chilean embassy in Moscow" says it all.

Maxwell house party

IAN and Kevin Maxwell are about to become tourist attractions. Their homes are on a Tinseltown-style attraction to be launched in London later this month with guided bus tours showing tourists the homes of some of the capital's best known residents.

Such tours have been big business in Hollywood for years, but this kind of voyeurism is believed to be new to London. Included on the itinerary will be the London pieds-à-terre of Joan Collins, Margaret Thatcher, Tina Turner, as well as assorted royals, politicians and peers.

Yet perhaps the most unlikely visitors will be to Chelsea and Belgravia to the houses of the Maxwell brothers. The company's owner, Henry Powell, says: "We are keen to include anyone who has recently been in the news. Each house has a particular story to tell and this will be recounted as we pass." These will even include anecdotes about the death of Jimi Hendrix at the Samarkand Hotel in Holland Park and mysterious tales of Lady Lucan in Eaton Square. "But it is not like the Hollywood tour at all," insists Powell. "We have much more of a history than they do." Quite so. But thousands of Mirror readers will surely be hoping that the day a blue plaque is erected declaring "Kevin Maxwell lived here" is still a very long way off.



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PHILIP HOWARD

The world is going through its biggest change of names since the fall of the Tower of Babel, which is good news for journos and children half-way through a geography course. What with the dissolution of the Soviet empire, and continual renaming in the other former empires around the world, you could make a fat gazetteer listing the place-name changes of the last 50 years. Such books are already being published.

Nations, like people, are entitled to call themselves what they want, and it is natural for them to wish to rub out colonial names that are a reminder of a subjugated past. The naming of parts of the world gets done by explorers, conquerors and imperialists. Such people tend to label the world from their ideological standpoint rather than that of the natives. Thus the first Portuguese and then other explorers in the 15th century named the hump of Africa the Gold Coast because of the gold they picked up for baubles there. It is not surprising that the inhabitants, whom they got control of their country, preferred to change its name to Ghana. In South Africa the names imposed on the natives by their invaders were equally partisan. "Kaffir" means a non-Mohammedan, ie an infidel, and is one of many instances of the influence exercised by the great medieval Arab traders and explorers and soldiers upon the Indo-European languages.

"Hottentot" is a Dutch echo word for a stammerer, and refers to the predominant clicks of Xhosa speech. Ceylon and Sinhalese were the names given to the island by its Aryan conquerors in the 5th century. The words may be connected with the Sanskrit *Simha*, a lion. So for the last 20 years we have learned to call it by the less divisive name of Sri Lanka, which means "resplendent island". But the old name has deep roots in English history, literature and the nomenclature of plants, which cannot be rubbed out. One of the most popular verses in the hymnary preserves it: "What though the spicy breezes / Blow soft o'er Ceylon's isle? / Though every prospect pleases / And only man is vile." Recognising that the stress did not work with Ceylon, causing even more incoherence than usual in the back pew, Bishop Heber later amended Ceylon to Java. But it is his original version that has stuck in the national memory, perhaps because of its poor prosody. The old imperialist name of Burma, *passim*, and such English names as Burmese, cheroots, has been replaced by the new name of Pyidaungsu Myanmar. Nainggandaw. They must be joking for the English, who are idle about foreign tongues. Even shortened to Myanma, it is not yet caught on in the ordinary man's stock of place-names, partly because we disapprove of the oppressive regime in beautiful but poor, bleeding Burma.

The latest people to change their names in the endless and hopeless search for geographical correctness are the Eskimos. Their name was first brought into English by Hakluyt and the other merchant adventurers in the 16th century. Eskimo means "eaters of raw meat" in Algonquian and is therefore considered politically rude. Because of their linguistic diversity, Canadians are admirably fierce about fairness

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CLINTON'S CHALLENGE

The American Democrats have given their candidate, Governor Bill Clinton, a rousing send-off down the long final stretch to election day. For all Mr Clinton's evocations of Roosevelt and Kennedy, he showed little of their flair in presenting his "new covenant" to the American voters. Oratory is unlikely to be his best asset. But he has not relied on felicitous phrases to unite; in Ross Perot's words "revitalise", his fiscally parroted party.

Rather, he has outmanoeuvred its powerful pressure groups to present a modern and distinctive platform, free of the obsessions with minority rights and redistributive economics to which his predecessors deferred. He yesterday persuaded an indulgent audience that he has the standing and energy to carry the new-look Democratic party through the doors of the White House.

The "character" issue remains Mr Clinton's toughest problem. He has survived the charges of adultery and draft evasion, but not without scars. George Bush will be tempted to focus his campaign on the unacceptability of his challenger, and can now do so without fear of driving the voters into Mr Perot's arms. Mr Clinton's defence — his record as an effective governor of Arkansas — carries within it the weakness that his career shows him to be a classical politician in a year when Americans are more distrustful of them than ever.

Mr Clinton can be expected to give Mr Bush a stronger run for his money than did Michael Dukakis in 1988, provided he avoids the temptation, common presidential campaigns and commoner still to a leader in the polls, to skirt the substance of policy in favour of well-soaped flannel. Both he and his running mate, Al Gore, have made change their *leitmotiv*. This is a riskier strategy than it was for the British Labour Party last April. While America's highest office has eluded the Democrats for a dozen years they have been running most of the country, with majorities in Congress and in most cities and states. Mr Clinton must

convince voters not only that he would bring change to the presidency, but that Democrat policies themselves have changed.

He has pointed the direction with courage and set out his stall with more clarity than has Mr Bush. He has sensed that the time is right for attacking Mr Bush as a *status quo* president. Confidence is low, unemployment high and the economy stubbornly sluggish. Mr Clinton's "new covenant" is aimed at merging traditional Democrat concerns with good citizenship and civil liberty, together with new emphasis on economic growth, open markets and a lean government offering help for those in need.

But he will have to risk being more specific about how he proposes to "invest in people" and, above all, how the people are going to pay for the investment. Vagueness about money will lay Mr Clinton open to "tax and spend" taunts. Too much candour could be electoral suicide. A Democrat cannot attack a Republican for creating America's budget deficit and also promise to save \$300 billion in four years, unless he more specific about what he means by "tough choices". Having pledged himself to increase taxes for the rich but not the middle classes Mr Clinton will be under the same pressure as was Labour in Britain to say where he draws the line.

These difficulties are at this stage merely challenges to the Clinton-Gore team. Mr Clinton's insistence on an America "with the world's strongest defence, ready and willing to use force" has been aligned with Mr Gore's firm record of internationalism. This may reduce Mr Bush's lead in foreign policy, the only area in which he is now ahead. Mr Clinton has so far resisted protectionist lobbies in pro-Democratic unions, accepting the link between growth, open markets and a functioning Gatt system. At home, his practical tolerance on race has healing promise. Since the withdrawal of Ross Perot, the electoral arithmetic may be against Mr Clinton. But he offers America debate and choice, which is to his credit.

RETURNED TO NATURE

Visitors to the British countryside this summer may be dismayed by much of what they see. Over the past four years, some 4,500 farmers have left fields fallow under the European Community's "set aside" scheme. The amount of land is not great, some 155,000 hectares or about three per cent of the area previously under arable cultivation. But the visual impact is considerable. Under the recently-agreed common agricultural policy reforms, the set-aside area is likely to rise to about 600,000 hectares.

Fields that once boasted near furrows or ranks of corn, or the thick vivid colouring of rape or lucerne, are now weeds and tares. Unsprayed and untended, apart from being mown twice a year, the land is returning to its natural state, or at least the state dictated by the most vigorous available wind-borne seeds. Scrubland is reviving. Strange and possibly unwelcome flora and fauna are proliferating. To the near farmer, and to those who like their countryside prim, the consequences of set-aside are awful. To make matters worse, farmers are being paid for it — over £20 million a year — and being criticised for being paid for it.

Two responses to this are possible. One is to conclude that returning a small portion of cultivated land to nature is no bad thing, even if it looks a bit scruffy. After the pummelling and poisoning of decades of agricultural innovation, an era of rest and recuperation is in order. Farmers may not like to see their beloved fields full of the arch-enemy, the weed. But to city-dwellers fed up with seeing public money wasted on unwanted food, a less manicured landscape is not necessarily odious, particularly if the weeds happen to be poppies. Since it is they who are paying for it, their feelings as much as those of the farming community are what matters. The developed world produces more than it can possibly consume and has been spending an obscene amount of money disposing of the surplus. Set-aside is at least a simple remedy.

ENGLAND'S EDGE

John Major yesterday paid his first visit to the county of England that boasts of having the strongest local flavour and individuality. The prime minister was given a thoroughly Cornish welcome, with a jaunt to a factory that makes traditional Cornish pasties for export. He did not go down a tin mine. The industry that attracted the first prehistoric tourists to Cornwall has dwindled from its boom millennia, when a Cornish vicar said that he never saw the greater part of his parishioners till they came up to be buried.

None the less, burly Cornish fishermen waved placards against new European Community regulations and demonstrated the granite independence for which Cornishmen are famous throughout the land. They are a different country across the Tamar. They call visitors from outside emmets, swarming everywhere in summer like ants, or English, because the natives think of themselves as Cornish and different. The benign climate, spectacular cliffs and coves, unique wild flowers and birds, and weird megalithic remains of Britain's first inhabitants truly make Cornwall a place apart.

The county was the last corner of the land that came to be called England, to be subjugated by the invading English, and kept its own Brythonic Celtic language, closely related to Welsh and Breton, alive until the 19th century. Romantic antiquarians occasionally still try to revive it, without conspicuous success; but from Minack to Tintagel, legendary Camelot, the place names still declare with their strange music that Cornwall is a place apart. Mabyon Kernow, the Cornish nationalist movement,

A different response is more constructive. If it was obscene to spend millions producing unwanted food, it may seem even more obscene to spend millions on inert, weed-infested fields. This has nothing to do with environmental conservation. Farm subsidies were at least spent on the farmer's honest toll. Set-aside is reminiscent of the old dock labour scheme paying people to do nothing at all. Such payments humiliate the recipient as much as they infuriate the taxpayer.

The answer must therefore be to switch from paying farmers for doing nothing to paying them for what the public wants. In most cases, this means acting as custodians for a new, less industrialised countryside where such custodianship is most needed.

This is unlikely to be on the 20 per cent of every arable farmer's land eligible for set-aside under the current voluntary scheme or the 15 per cent that will be virtually compulsory under the new reforms. Need is concentrated in areas of outstanding beauty or outstanding sensitivity. And it should be concentrated on maintenance and not just on inertia.

In some cases land should not be eligible for set-aside at all. In others, whole farms might be suitable for set-aside treatment, notably on hills, estuaries and green belt land. In such places, there should be no question of permitting farmland to be diverted to covert suburban development such as caravan parks and golf courses. These uses are now the greatest single threat to the countryside, one on which the government is wholly silent, terrified of further alienating the farm lobby.

The key must always be to direct public money to where the public interest requires it to go. The government should call an early review of the set-aside scheme, and not kick it into touch just because farm policy is a matter for Brussels. Leave the fate of the British countryside to the current custodians to the 19th century, when a Cornish vicar said that he never saw the greater part of his parishioners till they came up to be buried.

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Filling Maxwell pensions gap

From Sir John Cuckney, Chairman of the Maxwell Pensioners Trust

Sir, The Maxwell pensions schemes originally had assets of nearly £700 million. About £250 million remains secure. The rest was transferred to Maxwell companies or is held by banks as security for loans made to those companies.

The liquidators and administrators are seeking the return of funds rightly due to the pension schemes. In some cases this should be possible quickly. The National Westminster decision to return its £25 million Teva shareholding to the liquidators acting for the pension funds is an example I hope others will follow. But in some cases ownership is contested.

Part of the task of the special unit in the Department of Social Security set up by Peter Lilley, to which I am adviser, is to work alongside the liquidators and others to help resolve such difficulties, so that funds can flow back to the pension schemes as quickly as possible.

But it is extremely unlikely that all the funds lost will be recovered. The trust fund, of which I am chairman, aims to fill that gap. This will be a stiff challenge but one that I believe can be met if there is wide response from all with a concern for the difficulties faced by Maxwell pensioners or for the structure and good name of the financial services and pension industries which have been threatened by the Maxwell affair.

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Young arthritics

From the Chief Executive of Arthritis Care

Sir, May I add a plea for another section of Britain's young people to your valuable report, "Poverty trap closes in on the young" (July 9). Young people with arthritis find it even more difficult to obtain employment and training in the present situation.

They want careers and independence just as much as other youngsters and they find difficulties which stem from the prejudice and indifference of employers, as well as the greater costs which all people with disabilities have in their daily lives.

There are estimated to be in the United Kingdom at least one million people under 45 with arthritis, including 12,000 children. The fact that all too often they are greeted with the retort, "You're too young to have arthritis", simply adds insult to injury.

Yours faithfully,
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Student unions

From Mr C. G. P. Lakeman

Sir, As a recent undergraduate at the University of Kent at Canterbury, I joined forces with students of all political persuasions in a campaign to make membership of the union voluntary. There is no reason why a voluntary union could not continue to perform those useful functions currently undertaken, such as representation on official bodies.

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Green towels

From Mr Nigel S. Willson

Sir, Mr Collins (letter, July 14) asks as an hotelier whether it is churlish to wonder how many guests who expect clean towels every day in an hotel launder their own every day at home.

It is churlish. Hotel guests are usually obliged to pay the same rate whether they stay one night or more. Accordingly, they are entitled to expect the luxury of freshly laundered towels on a daily basis.

Yours faithfully,
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Huck's home state

From Professor David Lowenthal

Sir, Ben Macintyre ("Twain's hero crosses racial divide", July 8) misidentifies Mark Twain's home town as Hannibal, Missouri. The Hannibal in question is proudly in Missouri, on the banks of the Mississippi.

The town cherishes such Twain relics as the tomb of Becky Thatcher (the fictional identity posthumously assumed by Twain's old flame, Laura Hawkins) and, next to Twain's boyhood home, the picker-

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Japan's place in the trading world

From Dr John Brandon

Sir, Stephen Bayley's article, "Stiffen the sinews — this is war" (Life & Times, July 9), reveals much about Western paranoia — particularly American — and virtually nothing about Japanese industry and commerce. Never mind, bog-men have always been necessary for those who abnegate their responsibility for the mess they have created.

Mr Bayley says: "Japanese companies possess knowledge about manufacturing that is beyond the reach of Western competitors." Balderdash: the key Japanese industries thrive because they do the simple things well — good old-fashioned production engineering.

As remarked by the influential Japanese commentator, M. Imai, it is Western management which "worships at the altar of innovation". Whenever the Japanese have attempted a fundamental innovative programme they have failed lamentably.

We don't even have production engineers in the UK any more; we have systems engineers, many of whom are not engineers and know very little about systems.

Furthermore, I see no practical or moral difference between the predominance of public schools and Oxbridge in the higher reaches of British public life and the existence of organisations such as the Waseda University Debating Club in influential positions in Japanese business and government.

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From Mr Timo Hannay

Sir, Stephen Bayley misunderstands Japanese attitudes to business and the reasons why these have proved so successful. (I write as a graduate student who has worked in Japan in teaching and administration).

Japan is not a culture of "inflexible beliefs", but rather one in which foreign ideas of all kinds are absorbed avidly and implemented with more efficiency and attention to detail than the originators can muster. Japanese society is also full of good ideas that the West would do

well to imitate, but it chooses not to do so.

The Japanese are not less responsible than Westerners. Indeed, it is their individual sense of duty and responsibility to their families, companies and society that is at the heart of their industrial success. It is also one reason for Japan's extremely low crime rate.

It is Mr Bayley and not the Japanese "salaryman" who believes that "business is war". Business is a competition. We in the West should be sure that our competitors are behaving fairly but then direct our energies towards improving our own competitiveness rather than criticising the attitudes of those who are more successful than us.

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr Michael Jenkins

Sir, I sympathise with some of the comments in Stephen Bayley's article. Yes, the Japanese are a force to be reckoned with. Yes, Western companies do not take them seriously enough and yes, Japanese companies produce goods with fine attention to detail and quality.

However, there is no reason why Western companies should not compete. One problem to overcome is that of the young English engineer in a Japanese company who felt isolated because of the "sea of spidery graphics" which appeared on company faxes. Maybe he should consider learning some Japanese.

Bath College of Higher Education runs a one-year programme for the Department of Trade and Industry which is intended to train engineers to learn to speak, read and write Japanese. In the two years we have run it not one British manufacturing company has sent employees on the course or sponsored it. Our main sponsors to date have been Toyota Motor Corporation, All Nippon Airways and the Daimler-Benz Foundation.

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Religion on TV

From the Bishop of Rochester

Sir, I understand that BBC Television is under pressure to move its *Songs of Praise* programme to a later time on Sunday evenings, in order to make way for what it considers to be more popular and profitable programmes at a peak viewing time.

I hope that the BBC has not overlooked the interesting statistic that the new, much-publicised *Eldorado* has achieved an initial viewing of 6.1 million: the cost for a year's production (156 programmes) are said to be from £10 million (Ms Julia Smith's letter, June 23). *Songs of Praise* regularly achieves between six and eight million viewers, at a comparatively minimal cost.

It remains to be seen whether *Eldorado* can increase its following; but planners in all networks should note the consistent support which the public gives to religious programmes. As well as having a proper desire to be entertained there are large numbers of people who wish to explore spiritual questions and values. To ignore them or marginalise well-established religious programmes would be professionally irresponsible.

Yours faithfully,
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Bishopscourt, Rochester, Kent.

From the Roman Catholic Bishop of Portsmouth and the Anglican Bishop of St Albans

Sir, We write to express our concern over your report (July 3, later editions) of planned changes to ITV

schedules on Sunday evenings from January 1993. It appears that for three-quarters of the year *Highway*, the popular religious programme, will be replaced by a feature film.

Replacements for *Highway* during the rest of the year will be scheduled late on Sunday evening. Because the remainder of the religious output is on Sunday morning, this effectively marginalises religious broadcasting.

There is no suggestion that *Highway* is unpopular with viewers or advertisers. Indeed, the programme regularly attracts up to eight million viewers a week and we understand that there has never been any problem selling advertising around it. It would seem that loyal viewers of *Highway*, or its replacement, are being deprived of their programmes simply because ITV is engaged in competitive scheduling with the BBC and satellite television.

It remains to be seen whether *proper coverage* to current affairs and the arts, regional programmes and documentaries. Does this not include religious programmes, as required under the Broadcasting Act? It is hard to understand how moving religious programmes to a time when fewer people are likely to be watching can be seen as giving proper coverage to religious matters.

Yours faithfully,
CRISPIN HOLLIS
(Chairman, Roman Catholic Bishops' Committee for Communications), JOHN ST ALBANS

(Chairman, Church of England Communications Committee), Bishop's House, Edinburgh Road, Portsmouth, Hampshire.

Historic houses in perspective

From the Marquess of Anglesey

THE TIMES SATURDAY JULY 18 1992

OBITUARIES

DR CICELY WILLIAMS

Dr Cicely Williams, CMG, FRCP, died in hospital near her home in Oxford on July 13 aged 98. She was born in Jamaica on December 2, 1893.

CICELY Williams was primarily responsible for the identification, in the 1920s, of kwashiorkor, the nutritional deficiency disease which has ravaged children in drought and war-torn areas of maize-eating Third World countries. As a paediatrician and nutritionist, she was a pioneer of women's progress in the medical profession and her advanced ideas and methods of treatment in the field of paediatrics are now recognised and followed internationally. Her eventful life included holding senior positions in the Colonial Service, surviving the brutality of Japanese prisoner-of-war camps and serving as the first adviser in maternal and child health to the World Health Organisation from 1948 to 1951. Central to her work was a belief in the value of direct contact between mothers and their children, between health professionals and the communities they serve, and the need for developed countries to help under-developed ones to use their indigenous foods properly rather than to rely on foreign imports.

Williams first wrote about what was to become known as kwashiorkor in the 1931-32 volume of the annual medical report of the Gold Coast (now Ghana) where she was working. The condition results from gross dietary protein deficiency with a high intake of carbohydrate of low nutritional value. It causes the abdomen to swell, hair to turn red, the liver to enlarge and life-long effects in children under two. Williams' paper, in which she suggested that "some amino acid or protein deficiency could not be excluded as a cause" was based on her clinical observations at hospital in Accra. It was rejected at first, however, by medical editors in London. "They couldn't conceive that a woman in the Gold Coast of all places had anything to say which concerned them," she said years later. But Theodore Fox, who was to become head of the Family Planning Association, wrote and suggested she should write on the disease for *The Lancet*. And it was in this paper that the condition was named for the first time in medical terms.

Born the fourth of six children in a distinguished Jamaican landowning family (in her words the "brimal and licentious plantation") which had been established there since the seventeenth century, Cicely Williams was sent to England to be



educated at Bath High School for Girls. She returned from Jamaica during the first world war to read history at Somerville College but changed to medicine. She was one of the first 50 female undergraduates to have their degrees conferred in the Sheldonian Theatre in 1920. After training at the Queen's College Hospital for Children, Hackney, and at King's College, Cambridge, Williams at first despaired of getting a medical post because returning servicemen had priority for jobs. She therefore spent a year as medical officer in malaria-infested Greece. Here she became inspired by the pioneering approach to community medicine in Croatia of Andrija Stampar and for the rest of her life she always hung a photograph of this hero on her wall.

Then, armed with the diploma of hygiene and tropical medicine she had gained in London, she joined the Colonial Health Service and, after two years of fruitless application for postings, she was appointed

to the Gold Coast. In this White Man's Grave of West Africa (called by Williams a "White Woman's Paradise" because of the preponderance of males) she was appalled and at first puzzled to find severe malnutrition among abundance. Nutrition and mother and child health care became her primary concerns leading to her definition of kwashiorkor.

It was characteristic that she should use a word from the local language, Ga, which means, literally, "neglect of the deposited", for her greatest discovery. Other physicians, particularly in those colonial days, might have sought recognition by giving the disease their own name. Williams was a visionary with a rare respect for her patients who was not above conferring with witch doctors in her search for local knowledge.

Her basically commonsense approach to medicine applied even to population control. She always maintained that "so long as they

know their babies will survive and flourish, they will restrict the number they have".

After seven years in Africa, to her sorrow, her unorthodox methods earned her a transfer to Malaya which had problems associated with a totally different diet. Here, in 1939, she delivered a blistering speech in Singapore, entitled "Milk and Murder", which was a battle cry for breast feeding, and accused proprietary brand baby food manufacturers of causing infant deaths.

Cicely Williams was conducting a health survey in the remote province of Trengganu when Pearl Harbour was attacked and took her weeks of danger and privation to reach Singapore where she arrived just as the Japanese invaded. After working non-stop in hospitals under ceaseless bombardment, and still clutching the results of her survey, she was imprisoned at the notorious civilian Changi jail, where she became chief doctor and was later appointed commandant of the women's camp. One of her proudest boasts was: "Twenty babies were born, 20 breast fed and 20 survived — you can't do better than that."

In October 1943, after two years of near starvation and appalling deprivation, she was arrested as a possible spy and taken to the YMCA building, which the Japanese had turned into the headquarters of the Kempai Tai, the equivalent of the Gestapo. After interrogation under threat of torture, she was put into a series of cages which, for the next four months, she shared with dead and dying men, forbidden to speak, forced to crouch in a sitting position, starved and totally deprived, mentally and physically. After three months she was joined by her only female companion, an American journalist, Freddie Bloom, whom she saved because of her medical knowledge; both suffered the after-effects of beri-beri for the rest of their lives.

Williams was returned to Changi wreck and yet this indomitable woman, already over 50, wrote in her statement after the war to police investigating Japanese treatment of internees: "I recall with pride and gratitude... the unfailing kindness and consideration which I received from all nationalities — even occasionally from some of the Japanese."

Long after the war she would show visitors a faded cotton bundle of her prison camp possessions: a blue tin mug with her initials on it; a cotton jumper, a man's metal trouser button with which she cut her toenails and a polished wooden spinner with which she used to clean her teeth. After repatriation, bent

and malnourished, her famous red hair turned white, a prematurely aged Cicely Williams was still, technically, the employee of the Colonial Service. As such she was sent to America for recuperation, ostensibly to do post-graduate study at Johns Hopkins University.

In 1948 she was appointed the first head of Mother and Child Care at the newly-formed World Health Organisation in Geneva and held the post for three years until, for family reasons, she had to return to Jamaica. Incapable of not working and having always hoped to work for her own country she travelled throughout her island and in 1953 made the definitive report on vomiting sickness, which claimed many Jamaican lives.

It was only the beginning of a remarkable 40 years in which as a doctor and medical administrator she visited, lived, taught and lectured in more than 70 countries. From 1959 to 1964 she was visiting professor of maternal and child health at the American University of Beirut and from 1964 to 1967 she was overseas training adviser to the Family Planning Association. Always and everywhere she spread her basic simple message that "personal and individual medicine must be both preventive and curative and continuity of care is essential".

Cicely Williams was the first woman to be given an honorary fellowship of the Royal Society of Medicine, in 1977; two years later she was made an honorary fellow of Somerville College. At a symposium held there to honour her 90th birthday, speakers from all over the world paid tribute to this invincible geriatric and soon afterwards she was rewarded with possibly her most treasured tribute — an honorary degree from the University of Ghana. But there was no stopping her. She travelled as principal guest to an international convocation held in Tel Aviv and followed this by visiting Nepal, where she was chief speaker at the inaugural meeting of the Nepalese Paediatric Society, and the next year addressed a meeting of the Pakistan Paediatric Society.

Then in 1985, aged 92, and still promulgating her famous dictum that "cuddling is more important than calories", Williams became a fellow of Green College, Oxford University's newest postgraduate college.

Her entry in *Who's Who* read: "Retired — except on demand", a statement so typical that it was used as the title of her biography, written by Sally Craddock and published in 1983.

FRANCIS HUMBLET

Francis Humblet, secretary general of the Belgian senate for more than 20 years and of several European parliamentary assemblies, has died aged 81. He was born on December 20, 1910.

NOT many officers of national parliaments can claim to have left their mark on a whole range of international parliamentary assemblies, as did Francis Humblet, secretary general (clerk) of the Belgian senate from 1957 to 1979. Armed with university degrees in law, political science and the history of art and archaeology, he joined the professional staff of the Belgian senate in 1935. Ten years later, having learned his job in the practical world of parliamentary procedure and law, he became the senate's assistant secretary general.

From 1948 to 1956 he was assistant secretary general of the consultative assembly of the Council of Europe. From 1952 to 1956 he held the same post in the common assembly of the Coal and Steel Community (forerunner of the European Parliament). In 1956 he was elected secretary general of the Western European Union, an office which he held until 1980 and was the most demanding of those posts.

At first sight this catalogue of distinguished international duties held in harness with top posts in the Belgian sen-

ate, suggests a medieval talent for pluralism. In fact all these assemblies, being composed of members of parliament, generally met during parliamentary recesses, and so could take full advantage of professional skills from several national parliaments. Later on these assemblies developed professional staffs of their own, though their calls on national parliaments for the professional advice of secretaries general have never ceased.

Humblet took part in drafting the rules of procedure of the consultative assembly of the Council of Europe, the common assembly and the WEU assembly and in formulating its practices within the framework of those rules. His extensive "hands-on" experience and the diplomacy and, indeed, artistry with which he worked the corridors of power were greatly appreciated by the leaders of those assemblies — such as Paul-Henri Spaak and Guy Mollet in the consultative assembly, Alcide de Gasperi and Giuseppe De Gasperi in the Common Assembly and John Macay, Carlo Schmid and Fred Mulley in the WEU assembly. He was elected president of the Association of Secretaries General of Parliaments in 1970.

Despite his remarkable range Humblet was no office-bound sweat. He was a popular and accessible chief with a wit and conviviality that easily crossed national frontiers. His widow survives him with one daughter.

APPRECIATION

His Honour
Norman Brodrick

AS A representative of the Coroners Society, I appeared before Norman Brodrick (obituary, July 7), a kind and jovial man I had known for some years, and his committee on "Coroners".

After he and the committee had taken their places, he rose, came round to me in front, shook me warmly by the hand, and welcomed me to the enquiry. On returning to his chair, with a twinkle in his eye, he opened the proceedings by saying: "I will now ask you a question which will baffle you out for a duck. What in your opinion is the use of Coroners?" His play succeeded. To the amusement of all, and as he intended, I was at a loss to know how and where to begin to reply to this basic but all embracing question. Nevertheless to say he helped me out. The enquiry then proceeded along normal lines in a relaxed atmosphere, the chairman having put all

concerned, including me, at their ease.

He was latterly chairman of the Lord Chancellor's advisory committee on the appointment of magistrates in Portsmouth. His light-hearted charm made a difficult job seem easy. All were extremely fond of him.

In my view the likeness of him which accompanied your obituary was typical, with that quizzical look of incredulity, much as to say "Now pull the other one!"

P. D. Childs

RABBI MARC TANENBAUM



Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, who played a leading role in promoting Jewish-Christian relations and in relief efforts for communities in conflict, has died aged 66 in New York.

MARC Tanenbaum first rose to prominence in 1965 when he became the only rabbi to participate in the historic Second Vatican Council, when the Catholic Church formally denounced anti-Semitism and banned the depiction of Jews as the killers of Christ.

Almost his entire adult life was devoted to furthering Jewish-Christian relations to advancing human rights and to elevating the plight of refugees and famine-ravished communities around the globe. Tanenbaum was still a child when his family moved from Baltimore to New York where he grew up and attended an Orthodox yeshiva. He was ordained in 1950 at the Jewish Theological Seminary as a rabbi in the Conservative stream of Judaism.

Rabbi Tanenbaum became

director of national inter-religious affairs of the American Jewish Committee and later the head of its international

relations division, a position he held until his retirement in 1989. His work led to frequent contacts with religious leaders of many faiths, particularly Pope John Paul II, but his close ties with Protestant and Roman Catholic clerics drew sharp criticism from some Orthodox Jews who resented his scholarly rigour.

Jones' scholarly rigour was not always appreciated by those who felt short of his high standards, or who regarded his method as an antiquated Orientalist one. None who knew him, however, would deny that his sense of duty towards the community he served was remarkable. He was always lively, and discussions with him were unfailingly entertaining as well as instructive.

He is survived by his wife,

Beryl, and a son.

praise as "the foremost Jewish ecumenical leader in the world". His many non-Jewish friends included the evangelist Billy Graham and Cardinal John O'Connor, of New York. The then US president Jimmy Carter included him among the ten national religious and academic figures invited to discuss "the state of the nation" at Camp David summit meetings in 1979, and he addressed US senators and house foreign affairs committees on "moral imperatives in the formation of American foreign policy".

He also testified before congressional committees on world refugee and world hunger problems and organised many relief efforts for victims of war and conflict in such diverse areas as Lebanon, Uganda, Indo-China, Haiti, Afghanistan and Central America.

Falling health did not slow his efforts but he underwent major heart surgery and died of heart failure at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York.

He is survived by his wife and three children.

July 18 ON THIS DAY 1917

The author of this article was Charles William Brodrick, an assistant editor on the paper. Writing today he would be compelled to admit that Jane Austen is more honoured and much more read than Sir Walter Scott.

JANE AUSTEN

It has been decided that the centenary of Jane Austen's death, which falls today, shall be formally marked by the placing of a tablet on the Hampshire cottage from which her novels were sent out into the world. The surprising thing is that the tablet has not been put there before; for Jane Austen, having like many good writers suffered a period of eclipse, is now read, known, and quoted by a devoted circle of readers who swear by her. There is no half-liking her; it is a matter of complete enthrallment or none at all.

But she never has been and never will be everybody's novelist. Her stories are too much alike in style and subject to appeal to the vast general public which Dickens can still command. For wider outlook, for deeper lights and shades, for stronger contrasts, for nobler passions, for nobler virtues and ignoble vices, for thrills, hair-breadth escapes and overwhelming reversals of fortune, for a thousand legitimate devices and ingredients of fiction, we must look elsewhere. She can supply none of them. At first sight she lacks so much that on approaching her after Fielding, or Scott, or Dickens, or Meredith, or many another male and female writer of fiction, obviously so much more versed at first hand with the ways of the world and with the manifold gradations of human goodness and badness, one wonders what secret charm an observer so restricted can possess to retain her spell over the fourth and fifth generations of readers after her own day. There may well have

been a piquant novelty about her books when they came out, for English fiction was not so rich as it is now.

"That young lady," wrote Sir Walter Scott, "has a talent for describing the involvements of ordinary life which is to me the most wonderful I ever met with." He, with far greater resources to draw upon, was also revolutionizing fiction and today, within her own sphere, the lady, who kept to her quiet English villages and her own ways, while he roamed in imagination over all places and periods, is as honoured and as much read as he is.

To some extent Trollope trod on her preserves: but the larger world of London and certain types of grandeur and shadiness, to which she was a stranger, were never far off from his close and gardens; with the consequence that his provincial characters often appear more decidedly provincial than hers. For Miss Austen's characters, provincial as they must have been in situation, never strike us as being such except upon reflection: they carry themselves, and above all, they write, for all the pertinacity that must have clung about them, essentially as members of the polite world.

In the country though they are, they are by no means to be identified with it. The stage on which they move is in fact other than that of external circumstance: it is that of themselves and of their creator. Jane Austen knew her own limitations, and without looking elsewhere. She can supply none of them. At first sight she lacks so much that on approaching her after Fielding, or Scott, or Dickens, or Meredith, or many another male and female writer of fiction, obviously so much more versed at first hand with the ways of the world and with the manifold gradations of human goodness and badness, one wonders what secret charm an observer so restricted

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Air Commodore William Ewing

AIR-Commodore Bill Ewing, OBE, has died aged 86. During the second world war he was closely involved in the development of four-engine aircraft, particularly the Lancaster and Stirling bombers.

TODAY: Mr Kenneth Armitage, sculptor, 76; Lady Sibylle, social worker, 67; Mr Edward Bond, playwright and director, 58; Mr Richard Branson, chairman, Virgin Group, 42; Sir Anthony Cox, architect, 77; Mr C.H.G. Doggart, former headmaster, King's School, Prussia, 67; Sir William Dougherty, chairman, North West Thames Regional Health Authority, 67; Viscount Esher, 79; Mr Nick Faluo, golfer.

35: Mr John Fraser, chairman, Ciba-Geigy, 61; Senator John Glenn, former astronaut, 71; Professor H.L.A. Hart, QC, former principal, Brasenose College, Oxford, 85; Mr David Henery, athlete, 48; Miss Elizabeth Jennings, author, 66; Vice-Admiral Sir Louis Le Bally, 77; Mr Denis Lillie, cricketer, 43; Mr Nelson Mandela, president, African National Congress, 74; Mr Anthony Miles, publisher, 62; Mr Anthony

Pasco, actor, 66; Lord Redesdale, poet, 59; Sir Robin Speed, QC, former Counsel to the Speaker, 71; Dr G.M. Stephen, headmaster, The Perse School, Cambridge, 43; Sir James Storck, 77; Mr David Tenner, former director, National Trust for Scotland, 74; Lord Strauss, 91; Mr F. Enrico Valtorta, former Liberal Club, 80; Mr Jim Watt, boxer, 44; Dr B.C.L. Weston, former vice-chancellor, Nottingham University, 69; Mr Yevgeny Yevushenko, poet, 59.

TOMORROW: Mr Justice Auld, 71; Miss Evelyn Glennie, percussionist, 35; Sir Anthony Graham, former chairman, Joint Consultative Committee, 62; Major-General D.E. Isles, 68; Dr Carol Jordan, astronomer, 51; Mr Richard Knight, former headmaster, Oundle and Monckton Combe schools, 77; Professor Mary McGowen, neurologist, 57; Mr Brian May, rock guitarist, 69; Sir Stephen Miller, former Surgeon-Oculist to The Queen, 77; Sir David Money-Coutts, chairman, Coutts and Company, 61; Mr Adrian Noble, director, Royal Shakespeare Company, 42; Dr Archie Norman, paediatrician, 80; Sir Frederick O'Brien, QC, former Sheriff Principal of Lothian and Borders, 75; Air Chief Marshal Sir David Parry-Evans, 57; Rear-Admiral Godfrey Place, VC, 71.

Weekend birthdays

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Smith victor with largest mandate in party history

BY PHILIP WEBSTER
CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Smith will today become leader of the Labour party, elected to succeed Neil Kinnock with the unprecedented backing of more than 90 per cent of the party's electoral college of MPs, members and trade unions.

Along with Margaret Beckett, who is expected to become his deputy at today's special conference at the Royal Horticultural Hall in London, Mr Smith faces the task of reversing Labour's run of election defeats.

Mr Smith, 53, will defeat Bryan Gould, the shadow environment secretary, by an even greater margin than that by which Mr Kinnock beat the far-left contender Tony Benn in 1988. He will become Labour's fourteenth leader since 1906.

Although many Labour MPs regretted that the contest was staged so soon after the general election defeat, Mr Smith's supporters are delighted that it will give him massive authority as he takes over. In his victory speech this afternoon he will set out his vision of a fairer and more just society and of an open Labour party that broadens its appeal to the electorate.

Mr Gould, who made plain yesterday that he had "no regrets", is expected to finish in third place in the deputy ballot behind Mrs Beckett and John Prescott, the shadow transport secretary.

Mr Kinnock, leader since 1983, will hand over this afternoon after receiving an honorary doctorate from the Prince of Wales at the University of Wales at Cardiff. He will not be voting.

Cabinet ministers last night launched an assault on Mr Smith, with Michael

Howard, the environment secretary, calling him "yesterday's man", prompting a riposte from Tony Blair, the shadow employment secretary, that their "feeble" attacks showed they were in a state of panic.

Michael Portillo, Treasury chief secretary, said Labour was electing a man whose economic policies were characterised by hostility to the market economy and an unwavering faith in redistributive taxation. John MacGregor, transport secretary, said Britain could expect from Mr Smith and Mrs Beckett policies of spending more taxpayers' money and squeezing British business for every penny they could get.

Mr Smith's backroom staff are ready to take over at his Westminster offices. They include Murray Elder, secretary of the Scottish party who is to become his chief-of-staff, and David Ward, formerly his economics adviser, who is to become his policy chief. A key role will be played by David Hill, Labour's director of communications, who will also serve as Mr Smith's chief spokesman.

Mrs Beckett seems certain to become deputy, probably on the first ballot with some 55 per cent of the vote, although Mr Prescott's supporters insist that he can force her into a second ballot.

Mr Smith intends to integrate Labour's Westminster and Walworth Road headquarters operations. The new leader gets an annual salary of £59,736, an car and a suite of rooms at Westminster.

Gould admits defeat, page 9
Peter Riddell and diary, page 16

Thousands flee fire aboard holiday ferry

BY NICHOLAS WATT AND
SEAN MACCARAIGH

AN AIR-SEA rescue was mounted in the Channel yesterday when a fire broke out on a ferry carrying more than 1,000 holidaymakers. One member of the crew was killed.

Passengers put on life jackets and gathered at the ferry's muster stations after the blaze started in the engine room. As members of the crew and French marines took an hour to extinguish the fire, rows of passengers lined up on the deck perished that the ship would sink. There were no reports of injured passengers.

The ferry, the *Quiberon*, was just over half way through its crossing from Plymouth to Roscoff in France when the fire started.

Last night the ship, which is owned by Brittany Ferries, was being towed into port by two French naval tugs. Helen Malami, of Brittany Ferries, said: "It was considered too dangerous to risk switching the engine on again."

A seaman died from asphyxiation when he was caught in the engine room as the fire broke out at 11.20am. He was named as M Etienne, 28, an engineer.

The *Quiberon*'s captain sent out a mayday message which was intercepted by Land's End Radio and three Royal Navy search and rescue helicopters were scrambled from Culdrose Royal Naval Air Station in Cornwall.

Last night, Brittany Ferries said services on the Plymouth-Roscoff route would be disrupted for the next week.

Hurd leads pinstripes into the firing line

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away in an armoured personnel carrier, escorted down "snipers' alley" to the hazardous airport road — and into the city centre. More planes landed. Within minutes, French troops were unloading them, piling flour and cooking oil on to the trucks for the next convoy.

A surreal calm hung over the airport. The birds sang. The sun came through the mist. A few soldiers and local volunteers continued filling bags with soil to construct a make-shift bunker on the edge of the apron.

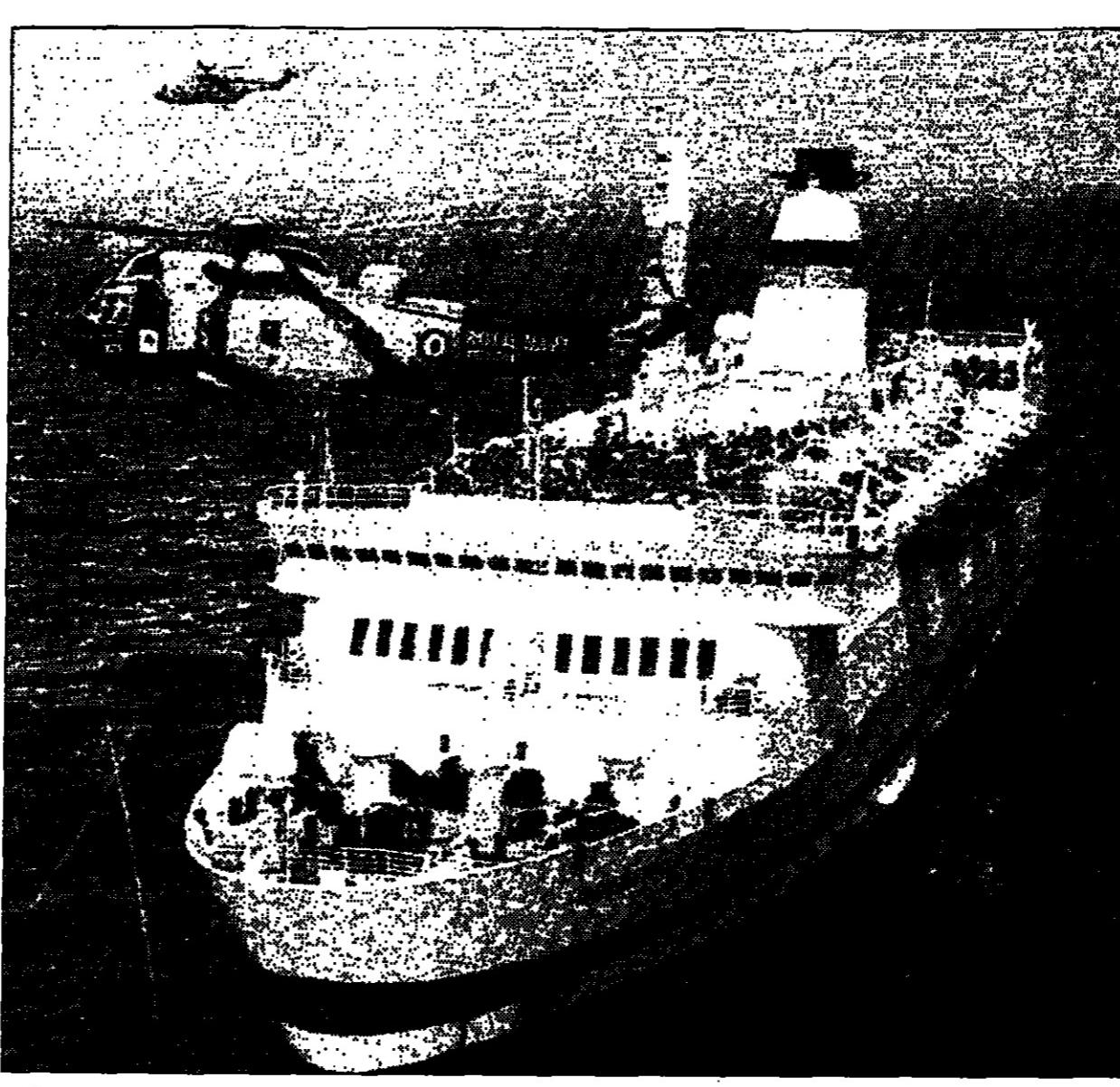
Suddenly the crack of a bullet rang out near by. Minutes later, a huge explosion shook the hangar. The shelling of Dobrijna had begun again. Several more explosions sent up clouds of smoke and dust, and started a few small fires. Most of the soldiers and aid officials took no notice. They heard this every night and were trying to catch a few moments sleep in the day when fighting subsided.

Unloading went on all day, an operation that brought surgical supplies from Kuwait, dried milk from Holland, flour from Britain, canned beef, sugar, detergent, and soap — whatever could be packed in boxes for distribution to the 102 emergency relief centres in town.

Mr Hurd's convoy returned in the early afternoon. Around him hovered his Foreign Office officials, flak jackets covering their pinstripe suits, still carrying briefcases with official dispatches. Diplomacy sat uneasily beside the chaos of warfare.

General Mackenzie bade him farewell. He and his Canadians will also soon be gone, having brought a semblance of order to the airport and a lifeline to the besieged city.

Bosnia ceasefire, page 13



Sea rescue: a Royal Navy Sea King lowering a diver onto the stricken ferry as passengers mass on the deck

Teachers reject 'crude' pay criteria

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ters/Union of Women Teachers, called the proposals "pedestrian and philistine". "Disputes over who gets what in the carve-up of the performance bonus" could demotivate many. These proposals run the risk of reducing education to a number-crunching exercise." The distribution of bonus pay among staff will be an additional, and probably unwel-

come task for head teachers, already complaining of the burden of paperwork imposed by the national curriculum and other reforms. David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said that the proposals would lead to further bureaucracy and centralisation, with the government ultimately processing 25,000 sets of school statistics every year.

"It's going to be seen by heads as a complex model. Although the review body says it doesn't want to add to administrative burdens, we are in danger of introducing a highly bureaucratic system of PRP," he said. The suggestion that the system might be voluntary for schools was unworkable: "You can't opt in or out of PRP."

Wait for degrees, page 5

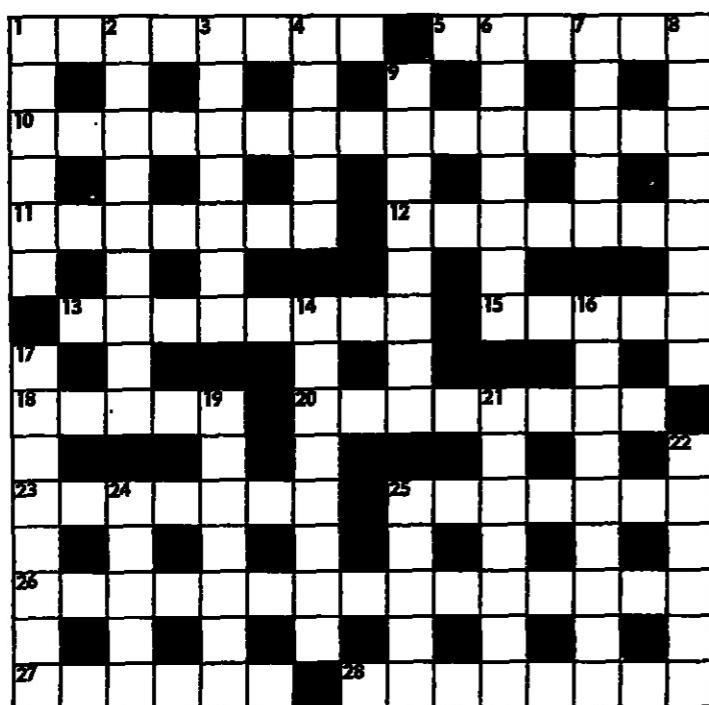
Mortgage rate rise

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hold the rate, otherwise they lose investors."

There are on average six savers for every mortgage borrower, and while homebuyers have had eight reductions since sterling entered the exchange-rate mechanism, savers have suffered more cuts. National Savings has attracted £112 million since it went on sale last week.

Rate rise, page 21

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ACROSS

- Pick head off flower in daring fashion (8).
- Sweetheart I love returned drill (3-3).
- Powerless to include part of speech church makes impossible to deliver (15).
- It can be taken out of concert if you provide written confirmation (7).
- Distinguished object used as furniture (7).
- Beetle's survival (8).
- Draper's assistant is sleeping soundly (5).
- Pleasant voyage announced for sailors here (5).
- Imitate publication (not novel) (8).
- Suffer, being less than fit (7).
- Sweet food that's excellent, and cold inside (4-3).
- Vice-captain, perhaps? In MCC, one's odd man out (6-2-7).
- Post it's not interesting to study (5).
- Develop affection for, have brief entanglement, then stop (8).

DOWN

- Quiet cat's bound to catch prey (6).
- CID but not the police, in drug investigation (5-4).
- Shrewd ruler concealing present (7).
- Game played by gamblers and by fool (5).
- With diamonds to carry, it helps to keep a cool head (3-4).
- Almost finished dressing bird (5).
- Like charity, above all (8).
- Novelist has to omit 21 (8).
- The carriage is in the station (8).
- It's very close to defeat for the team at the top (9).
- Person who's tried embracing queen is doomed (8).
- Dog losing tail in trap (7).
- Mistake made by American social reformer (7).
- Got better as symptom finally stopped appearing (6).
- Folding seat is uneasy (5).
- Store to get ready for, we hear (5).

Concise Crossword, page 16
Weekend Times

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

VERIDICAL
The definition of a scandal
Transfixed
Frothing in the Spring
BEEBUCKLE
A dead rat
A belt for a pirate's cutlass
A full honey-comb

GANCH

a. To impale, usually as torture

b. A Scottish river fish

c. A riding overcoat

RAXED

a. The Greek drapery RX

b. Strangled, as in awakening

c. The sherry solera rack system

Answers on page 16

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M&S chief signals cuts but rules out price war

By MARTIN WALLER

MARKS and Spencer hopes to cut prices this autumn after cost-savings and efficiencies achieved with its suppliers.

BUT Sir Richard Greenbury, chairman, ruled out a price war at yesterday's annual meeting, despite "the most severe recession since the war".

Sir Richard said trading over the past three months had been "very difficult", with consumer confidence remaining low. But with commitments and stocks well under control, summer reductions would be significantly less than last year.

"All put together, that should mean an improved

first-half performance this year and ensure that the profitability of the company stays high," he said.

This year Marks was surpassed by its rival J. Sainsbury as Britain's most profitable retailer. But Sir Richard rejected suggestions that Marks might attempt to regain its supremacy by hefty margin cuts aimed at tempting custom away from its rivals.

"We have always given good value for money and we will not become involved in a discount war," he said. But the company and its suppliers had improved efficiency and reduced costs over the past year, and these benefits could now be passed on to customers.

"The vast majority of selling prices this autumn will be the same as, and in many cases lower than, last year," he said.

Any reductions in margins, therefore, will be designed to be more than compensated for by sales. Any price freezes or cuts will be across the group's product range, covering clothing, homewares and food.

Marks is investing more than £300 million in the coming year. Expansion continues overseas, with a store in Nice planned for the autumn and a site in Valencia now acquired. In America, Brooks Brothers and Kings Super Markets remained profitable despite the recession.

Sir Richard has dealt another blow to the Stock Exchange's delayed paperless dealing system, Taurus, by refusing to recommend to shareholders that the company's shares be traded on the electronic system of registering share certificates.

He said the Marks board had noted Taurus had been "plagued" by problems, was "not live" and untested.

Sir Richard told Marks shareholders he felt it would be prudent to observe how effectively the new system copes with smaller registrations before using it for Marks' 300,000-strong corporate shareholder base.

A Stock Exchange spokesman downplayed the decision, saying many companies big and small, had agreed to the switch.

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IBM shares slide as problems grow

From PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

described by people close to the redundancy programmes as a gross exaggeration.

IBM's plunge reflects Wall Street's disappointment with net profits for the six months to the end of June of \$1.31 billion, compared with a loss of \$1.58 billion for the same period last year, on turnover up 6.7 per cent to \$30.3 billion.

Profits for April, May and June jumped fivefold to \$7.14 million, but analysts expected a better performance.

John Akers, IBM chairman, said: "We continue to reduce our resources, and our expenses remain under control. We are making steady progress in reshaping IBM to be a better focused, faster moving competitor."

The Meany-Gifford partnership turned Rank from a sickly, loss-making company into a fitter and profitable one. The acquisition of Mecca in 1990 made the company Britain's biggest operator of bingo halls, casinos and night

clubs. There is City speculation that Mr Gifford will stay in his present role and that a new non-executive chairman will be sought outside the company.

Mr Stephen Akers, one of BCCI's UK liquidators, said:

"We are obviously very pleased and will be considering the Court of Appeal's judgment in detail."

Mr Keith Vaz, MP for Leicester East, who has consistently campaigned for a better deal for BCCI staff and customers, including many Asian businessmen in his constituency, said: "This is an awful decision and a body blow to the creditors' campaign for justice."

He called for the immediate publication of Lord Justice

Bingham's report on BCCI.

Wellcome mat laid for the long haul

INSTITUTIONAL investors have already brought the Wellcome share price down 22 per cent since the £3 billion share sale was announced at the start of March, so they need no advice from this column. Most, if it is clear, will be applying for shares under the tender offer, pitching their bids at anything between £8 and £8.50.

Retail shareholders have cause to be somewhat confused at this point in the offer, not least because the structure adopted for this and, increasingly, other large share issues does not seem to invite their participation.

First off, the Wellcome offer is not aimed at the Sids and Franks. The advisers' own acronym for their target is the Henwells — high net worth individuals prepared to put in the minimum investment of £1,000 or more. This is not an issue for the stags; indeed, the seller of the shares, the Wellcome Trust, is by its own charitable status precluded from a giveaway sale.

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most apply by Tuesday afternoon, do not have to worry about the tender aspect. They will receive shares at the striking price that emerges from the institutional tender offer, which should be about the minimum discount to the current quoted price needed to get the issue away.

Wellcome shares were worth 870p as the market closed last night. A 5 per cent discount, the best guess at this stage, suggests a striking price of about 830p. At this price the shares would sell on about 23 times this year's profits, against 20.7 for the most comparable stock, Glaxo Holdings. The shares are clearly no steal. The market has fallen out of love with pharmaceuticals since the start of the year.

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third, at 3.2p; gearing, which was 250 per cent in 1990, halved to 71 per cent, and shareholders collect their first dividend since early 1989, an 8.5p final.

The new acquisition looks ripe for the Michael treatment, having earned less than £2 million in its last full year on a turnover of £170 million. Some £20 million of general electronic business will be released, but the new owner expects to lift margins to Cray's current 10 per cent plus within a couple of years.

Given the potential of a deregulating market, only just adopting world standards, the price could be a snip. Certainly Sir Peter should have little trouble winning shareholder support for a one-for-two rights issue at 61p, unless the market accelerates its fall on Monday.

Cray shares, suspended on Thursday, will not return until holders have approved this deal, but should not concede much of their pre-suspension price of 75p. Shareholders should take up their rights where they can.

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Edited by Lindsay Cook

The best pound most people can spend today is to check the details held on them by credit reference agencies. Those with common names, or who live in long streets or roads, would be wise to do it at once.

If anyone called Smith, living in Jones Avenue, has a bad credit record, there is a chance that all the Smiths will have their reputations damaged.

Credit reference agencies are used by lenders to help them to assess the creditworthiness of people applying for loans or credit cards. This swapping of information prevents people walking away from debts and then trying to borrow again.

But it can cause problems for those who have led blameless lives if neighbours, previous owners of their homes or relatives have run amok with credit cards or mail order catalogues.

Quite legitimately, the agencies can keep details of other people who have lived in a house before a credit applicant and of those with similar names at similar addresses. This is

helpful, lenders say, because fraudsters often use names that are false, but similar to their real ones.

Worries about the 100,000 or so people wrongly tarnished by others with whom they have no financial links means that the amount of information is to be curtailed. From the end of July next year, information on third parties will not be sent to lenders unless they have lived in a credit applicant's household.

Much more worrying are mistakes that are made and agencies' reluctance to correct them. A steady stream of Weekend Money readers complain about such errors and how they have had difficulty in getting them erased.

County court judgments are mistakenly put on the records of people with similar names at nearby addresses. In his annual report, published this week, Eric Howe, the data protection registrar, details the

case of a man whose credit rating was hurt by an insurance company's delay in paying out on his motor policy to another owner.

When asked to remove the debt from his personal records, the credit reference agency refused until the registrar was contacted. The agency was then advised that it was contravening the fourth data protection principle by keeping the information relating to the insurance company's slow payment on its files, as this was irrelevant in assessing the policyholder's creditworthiness. Sloppy applications by

lenders for county court judgments and typographical errors when the judgments are added to records can also give innocent people credit problems.

Lack of information on the records also needs to be rectified. Lenders are wary of anyone who is not on an electoral register. They may not be telling the truth about who they are. If credit reference records miss vital information like this, it might be difficult to get a loan from anyone.

The first step towards making sure the information is correct should be to apply to the main agencies for the

information held. Their addresses are on page 26. They are obliged under the Consumer Credit Act to send a copy of all the information they hold, if requested in writing. The fee is £1 per agency. Mistakes should be corrected and if agencies do not do this willingly, Mr Howe and his team are there to help.

If they read the two-page explanation from Norwich Union, they might still be none the wiser, unless they were algebra whizzes at school. If R equals the rate of interest, N the payment month and S the instalment charge, the rate would be 8 per cent if the charge were added at the end of the year, says example one.

But as Norwich customers know, they are not charged at the end of the year. On page two, another — much longer — calculation shows how the sum being added at the outset and paid for over 12 months, means that R equal 0.185.

If lenders really want people to understand what they are paying, some easier way of expressing it has to be found. But at least Norwich Union is trying to explain its sums.

Credit card companies do their calculations in different ways and do not think to tell their customers how the APR is arrived at unless asked.

Self-regulation may not suffice: investors must protect themselves

Beware fast-talking and fast-driving investment cowboys

Lindsay Cook
offers a
step-by-step
guide to spotting
the identikit
fraudster

REGULATORS admit they are often the last to learn about fraudulent dealings by investment brokers and companies. They do not know money is missing until police arrest a salesman on his way out of the country or investors start telephoning to ask why a business has closed.

All too often rival firms and investors reveal, after the event, their suspicions about a fraudulent firm when it is too late to protect investors. Self-regulation does not provide the protection many investors expect. This means it is up to investors to protect themselves.

The majority of investment firms are, of course, honest and reliable but the Office of Fair Trading published two reports last month stating that investors are too trusting. Weekend Money has therefore produced a guide to help investors spot potential fraudsters or companies that are unlikely to live up to their published expectations.

Any one factor is not proof of fraud but if an adviser has too many of the characteristics, their actions, products and company should be scrutinised. If in doubt do not invest. In the guide we refer to a potential fraudster as he, because it is rare for women to be tried or convicted for fraud.

Too complicated
The investment must be understandable. Too many people are easily persuaded they do not understand anything about finances and their clever adviser has devised a novel scheme. If it has not been done before, it could be illegal or unworkable. If an investment is too complicated it should be avoided.

Too many profits
Complicated investments may also promise high returns. If a company is producing better returns than competitors it is worth asking how. Barlow Clowes promised to pay more than gifts could produce. The Bank of Credit and Commerce International paid a higher rate than other banks.

Fancy certificates and regular statements of profits or interest being added to an account may mean nothing. If the company fails, the investors' compensation scheme will only pay out for money invested and realistic returns.

The best return is what most investors seek. It alone is not a sign of dishonesty. But if it is unrealistic, be wary. It may indicate efficient management or an organisation desperate for cash with a poor credit rating. The Securities and Investments Board warns investors in its booklet, *How to Spot the Investment Cowboys*, to be wary if their investments "seem to be doing very well when there is an economic slump and everyone else is doing badly". It points out that unrealistically high rates can be paid by using new investors' money to pay old.



Investors must always remember that the higher the return the greater the risk.

Too much in one basket
Investors should split savings across short-term and long-term, risky and safe investments according to their needs. Any adviser suggesting all an investor's money should go into his new wonder bond should be avoided, especially if he is tied to a reputable insurance company and the bond appears to be a private enterprise. The 300 investors who lost £4 million through Garston Amhurst, the tied agent of Target learned this to their cost.

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Too extravagant
Many investors like to see well-dressed advisers driving expensive cars and eating in the best places. They do not realise he is doing it with their money. Robert Miller, in prison for defrauding 200 people out of £8 million through Dunsdale Securities, thought nothing of taking a client to France for lunch.

The broker's offices should be studied. Dunsdale's were in Mayfair, London, and as smart as a hotel suite. Good businesses do not waste expensive space on fabulous foyers complete with elaborate flower arrangements.

John Gerald Malone, a Rochdale broker, lavished di-

bbers, not answerphones. If a Rolls-Royce is parked outside the office it may belong to an investor who has made a fortune from the advice, or to a director or a leasing company.

Some fraudsters love the flying lady. John Wheeler, who ran McDonald Wheeler, the Canterbury fund manager, ran a Rolls-Royce, which inspired confidence in the clients — who lost up to £4 million. He was sentenced to eight years in prison in 1990.

Imperial Commodities, the old Etman's company, lost nearly £500,000 when it crashed.

Denis Dale-Greaves, an Exeter broker, bought three Rolls-Royces and had another

on order when he was arrested. He also had a Mercedes, Jaguar and motor boat. He offered guaranteed rates of interest that were worthless. He is now serving a six-year prison sentence.

Too risky
Those who are prepared to take too many risks with their clients' money may also like to gamble in their private life. Watch out for financial advisers who frequent casinos.

When time was running out for Garston Amhurst, one director asked for £25,000 of clients' money to be sent to a casino for him. Dennis Dale-Greaves liked to put his clients' money on horses. He lost £6,000 on Desert Orchid in the Cheltenham Gold Cup.

Too greedy
Investment companies trying to cultivate greed in their clients should be avoided. Investors should be wary of any firm saying it has selected people because of their perception or suggesting this is an opportunity for ordinary people that is being deliberately kept away from the City.

If a scheme is viable, the company will go to the City to borrow money because it will be cheaper than dealing with thousands of individuals. No reputable firm telephones out of the blue offering the investment opportunity of a lifetime.

Too quick
If a salesman is anxious to get a deal done quickly and does not want the investors to consult others before making their decision, be wary.

There is one fool born every minute.

A TOTAL of ten investment management firms have been declared in default by the Investors' Compensation Scheme (ICS), just two-and-a-half months into the scheme's new financial year. This is more than double the number of firms declared in default over the same period last year.

Nine out of ten of the firms declared in default since the start of this year were independent intermediaries regulated by the financial intermediaries, managers and brokers' regulatory organisation (Fimbra). Most of these firms arranged and sold life assurance, pensions and unit trusts, while one, Westcourt Asset Management, acted as a broker fund adviser and managed investors' money on a discretionary basis. The tenth firm, UK and General Securities, was authorised by the Securities and Futures Authority to trade in shares as an agent and as a principal.

The reasons why firms were declared in default varied, but most were suspended or had their licences revoked by Fimbra. Only one, L&G Investment Consultants, of Glasgow, resigned its membership. Because Fimbra suspensions normally prevent brokers from soliciting new business, the majority of the firms subsequently opt for voluntary or provisional liquidation or are placed in compulsory liquidation. Firms

cannot then pay their debts and are declared in default by the ICS, a necessary first step before investors can start making compensation claims under the scheme.

There has been a shift away from claims arising from straight theft since the scheme began, regulators say. Far more claims are now made by people hoping to receive "damages" for wrong advice. Regulators are sympathetic to the difficulties investors have sorting out good advice from bad. The Securities and Investments Board commented: "Regulators must bring out higher standards of competence in their members."

The ICS has paid out more than £20 million to 3,099 investors since the scheme began on August 27, 1988. It can pay up to £48,000 in compensation to those who have lost money because a firm has gone out of business or "misappropriated" money, possibly through fraud or theft. Investors are not guaranteed a payout from the scheme.

Of the 63 firms declared in default since the scheme started, 44 have concerned possible misappropriations of money, including theft and fraud. Some of the others have just shown "plain incompetence", the SIB said, adding that "it is not unusual for firms in this situation not to keep their books well. This is why it sometimes takes time to process claims."

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Mortgage Consultants. Four investors with another leading player in this market, Fisher Prew-Smith, received a total of £37,917 in 1991-2 while a further nine have been paid a total of £86,523 this year. Home income plans are one reason why the number of firms declared in default rose so dramatically last year, as the combination of a stagnant stock market and a moribund housing market spelt desperation for hundreds of thousands of elderly people who were encouraged to take out mortgages on their homes and invest the money in equity linked bonds, which were meant to produce enough money to cover the mortgage repayments and leave some income left over.

Wildly over optimistic stock market predictions from advisers were the undoing of many investors, who are now resorting to the compensation scheme. The SIB said: "People should shop around. They are not committed, although they will come under a lot of pressure to commit themselves. We can't say that even if you follow all the rules for sensible investing that you will be absolutely safe. If you put your money into someone else's hands, it is possible they may misuse it. It is important to check their financial stability."

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Lautro warns pension salesmen

GUIDELINES have been issued this week to stop personal pension salesmen from persuading employees to leave good company pension schemes. The Life Assurance and Unit Trust Regulatory Organisation is concerned at the number of complaints it has received and suspects the problem is much bigger as

people do not understand the fine points of pensions.

The guidelines say that salesmen should assume that transferring out of a final salary pension scheme to a personal pension would not constitute "best advice" unless he could demonstrate it was in the client's interest. To establish this, he would need

to study all the benefits to be paid by the client's occupational or money purchase scheme, including death benefit and spouse's pensions. Employees might also be excluded from permanent health insurance and other benefits if they are not a member of the occupational scheme.

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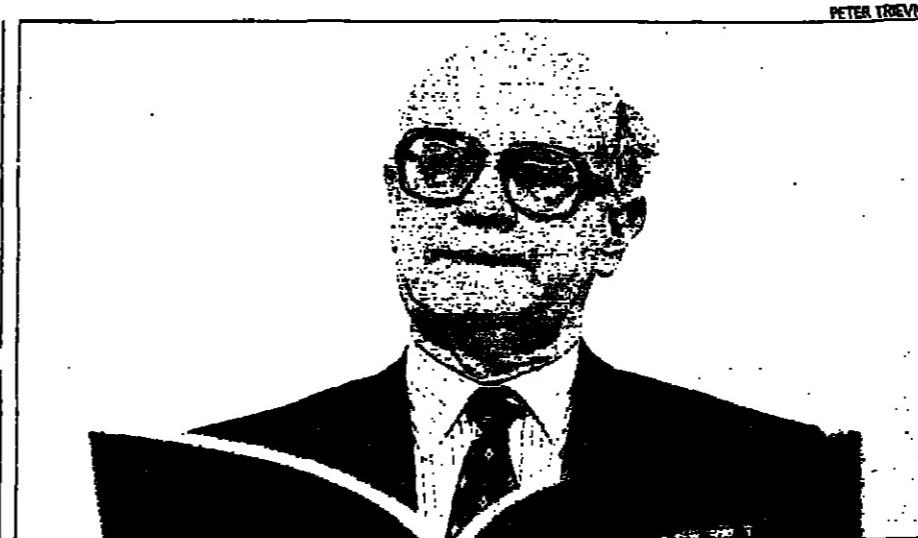
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Open book: Eric Howe at the Data Protection Registrars' conference this week

Credit data files cause concern

BY LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

INCORRECT information on computerised records which blackens the reputations of credit applicants is causing concern.

About a third of the 1,747 complaints received at the office of Eric Howe, the data protection registrar, in the year ended May 31 were about consumer credit, his report says.

He said that many came from people refused credit when they and their family had an impeccable record. His office had last looked at the accuracy of files in 1988 and was about to undertake further scrutiny.

The problem often lay in the sparse information provided by lenders when applying for county court judgments. This information was passed on to credit reference agencies if a judgment was obtained and could be applied to the wrong records. It was possible for a lender to apply for and obtain a judgment without giving any more information than a surname and an address, he said.

The eighth report of the Data Protection Registrar says that inputting mistakes or inaccurate material also causes difficulties. Until the end of next July, reference agencies can supply to lenders information about people who lived in their home before them to help them come to a decision about whether to grant a loan.

Information on any member of the household will continue to be supplied to lenders, it says.

Mr Howe said that, where there was no financial link between the family members, they may apply to have information about relatives removed from their personal records.

The report says that cases like the complaint from a woman who had credit refused because of bad debts of a relative.

A woman was asked for a £200 deposit by BT before it would install a telephone because she was considered a bad credit risk. When she checked the file there was no adverse information but it was stated that her name was not on the electoral register. After intervention from the registrar the requirement for a deposit was dropped.

A homeowner applying for a further advance to his mortgage was refused it because of a county court judgment registered at his address in a similar sounding name to his own. The judgment was against one of his neighbours and the information had been entered in his files because of a typographical error on the original summons.

Anyone who wants to find out what is on record about them can apply in writing for the information by sending £1 to the main credit reference agencies. These are CCR, Talbot House, Nottingham NG1 5HF; Infolink, Coombe Cross, 214 South End, Croydon CR0 1DL; and Equifax Europe, Spectrum House, North Avenue, Clydebank, Glasgow G81 2DR.

INTEREST RATES ROUNDUP

BANKS	Nominal rate	Compounded at rates 25%	40%	Min/max investment £	Notice	Contact
Ordinary Dep A/c:	2.65	2.65	2.12	none	7 day	
Typical						
Fixed Term Deposits:						
Barclays	6.85	6.85	5.51	25,000-50,000	1 mth	071-628 1567
Lloyds	6.85	6.85	4.84	2,500-10,000	1 mth	0742 200065
Mitro	6.84	6.84	4.87	10,000-20,000	1 mth	0742 200065
NatWest	6.87	6.87	5.34	25,000-50,000	1 mth	071-728 1000

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Bank of Scotland	6.49	6.49	5.34	2,500+	none	081-442 7777
Barclays	5.75	5.75	4.73	2,500+	none	0842 252891
Primer A/c	1.50	1.51	1.21	1,000+	none	071-628 5543
Ulster	4.85	4.85	4.00	1,000+	none	011 956 2076
Girobank	4.44	4.44	3.59	2,000+	none	0272 433772
Lloyds TSB	4.31	4.35	3.50	500+	none	0742 200065
Special Reserve	5.44	5.44	4.44	2,500+	none	0800 200 400
Trust Bank	5.44	5.44	4.44	2,500+	none	081-656 6555
Scot Pmtr A/c	4.31	4.31	3.45	2,000+	none	071-600 6000
NICB	4.31	4.31	3.45	2,000+	none	071-600 6000

BUILDING SOCIETIES

BUILDING SOCIETIES	Nominal rate	Compounded at rates 25%	40%	Min/max investment £	Notice	Contact
Ordinary Share A/c:	2.00	2.00	1.50	250+	none	
Typical						
Best buy — largest socie:	7.25	7.25	5.75	1,000 min	Postal	
Bradford & Bingley	7.25	7.25	5.30	2,000 min	Postal	
Santander	7.25	7.25	5.15	20,000 min	Postal	
Northumbrian Rock	7.25	7.25	5.15	40,000 min	20 day	
Yorkshire	7.25	7.25	5.00	25,000 min	10 day	
Bradford & Bingley	6.18	6.18	5.58	30,000 min	1 year	
Best buy — all socie:	7.80	7.80	6.24	1,000 min	Postal	
The Building Society	7.80	7.80	6.15	30,000 min	30 day	
Northern Rock	6.05	6.05	5.00	50,000 min	10 day	
St Georges	6.05	6.05	5.00	50,000 min	10 day	
Teesside	6.18	6.18	5.55	1,000 min	60 day	
Bradford & Bingley	6.18	6.18	5.58	30,000 min	1 year	
Cash/Cheque Accounts:						
Holiday	2.00	2.00	1.50	60 min		
Modern						
Classic & Latic	2.44	2.44	1.95	25 min		
Northwide						
Flex	1.88	1.88	1.50	1 min		
Compiled by Chase de Ville Moneyline - call 071-406 5798 for further details						

NATIONAL SAVINGS	Nominal rate	Compounded at rates 25%	40%	Min/max investment £	Notice	Contact
Ordinary A/c:	5.00	5.00	5.00	5-10,000	8 day	041-649 4225
Investment A/c:	6.50	6.50	5.10	5-25,000	1 mth	041-649 4225
Income Fund*	6.50	6.50	5.20	2,000-25,000	3 mth	041-649 4225
Plan Open Ended	7.25	7.25	5.50	1,000-25,000	8 day	041-649 4225
3mth Curr Capl:	6.00	6.00	5.00	25-7,600	8 day	091-385 4900
Yearly Plan:	8.00	8.00	6.00	20-100,000	14 day	091-385 4900
Child's Bond	10.00	10.00	10.00	100-100,000	10 day	091-385 4900
Child's Bond	5.01	5.01	5.01	100-100,000	8 day	041-649 4225
Capital Bond	10.75	10.75	6.45	100-100,000	8 day	041-649 4225

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GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS	Nominal rate	Interest Rate %	Loan Size	Max. %	Notice	
Argent Life	8.60	8.60	7.51	80,000 min	1 yrs	Figures from Chase de Ville Moneyline
Argent Life	8.50	8.50	7.50	50,000 min	3 yrs	
Argent Life	8.40	8.40	7.14	50,000 min	3 yrs	Vera
Argent Life	8.55	8.55	7.27	50,000 min	5 yrs	for details
Argent Life	8.65	8.65	7.27	50,000 min	5 yrs	

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Liz Dolan looks at investing £50,000 and £100,000

Using lump sums of money to help secure a financial future

THERE are as many solutions to investment problems as there are people who require them. All financial advisers stress that, although an investor's general circumstances are normally the most important factor to consider when constructing an investment portfolio, character of the investors should never be ignored.

No-one should lock away money without careful consideration of current and future needs. Circumstances change and the cash must be accessible to fund such changes. The trick for a good financial adviser is to get the balance just right.

Character assessment is particularly important for people tempted to use a lump sum to start a business of their own. A redundancy cheque, or a substantial inheritance, could be just the opportunity they needed to go it alone. However, running a business requires a very different mentality from being a salaried employee.

□ £50,000

A man in his early 50s is made redundant. His children have left home, and his mortgage is of manageable proportions. He wants to know how best to use his £50,000 redundancy money. Stephen Ingledew, business development manager at Fizzell, the insurance broker, said: "His very first move must be to visit the local Department of Social Security office and claim unemployment benefit. This is available for the first year of unemployment, regardless of how much he has picked up in the way of redundancy money." At this man's age he will have one of three options. He either takes early retirement, finds a job that pays less than the one he has just lost or he gets a job that pays the same, or more, than the previous one.

Realistically, the third is the least likely alternative. However, if he is lucky enough to find



employment at a comparable salary, he can use his redundancy money for capital growth, possibly as a single premium payment into a pension fund.

If, as is more likely, he finds a lower paid job, he can use his pay-off as a "means to supplement his income. However, the term "early retirement" is nearly always a euphemism for redundancy nowadays, and can by no means be ruled out at this age.

Using some of the money to repay any outstanding mortgage on the home is not necessarily a good idea. Retaining the tax benefits on amounts below £30,000 is often the preferred option.

Surrendering an endowment policy whose benefits are heavily weighted towards the final bonus would be particularly foolish. Guaranteed income bonds spread over one, three and five years are worth considering. If interest rates stay at the same level, or even fall, over the next few years, a five-year bond could offer significant benefits.

David Edwards, a director of Henderson Crosthwaite, the stockbroker, said: "If the chap in his 50s, he's likely to be fairly dependent on income. However, if he has another source of income—if, for instance, his wife is working—he will be able to invest a larger amount for future growth. We would want, as far as possible, to keep pace with inflation."

In the short term, an average building society yield of 6.5 per cent looks much more attractive than equities. The UK stock market is yielding under 5 per cent at the moment. However, on a historical basis, equities have a much better record of keeping pace with inflation than any other form of investment. It therefore makes more sense to invest the £50,000 into a portfolio of single stocks. Dealing costs on the amount of different shares needed to get a reasonable spread would cancel out a large slice of the profit. Consequently, in this

case, Mr Edwards advises investing the equity-based portion of the portfolio in managed funds. He prefers investment trusts to unit trusts because the bid-offer spread is normally narrower and the costs therefore lower.

□ £100,000

A couple in their 40s have inherited a £100,000 windfall. Their children are at fee-paying schools, and their short-term needs are reasonably well-catered for.

Martin Jones, a senior manager in the tax department of Coopers & Lybrand, the accountant, said: "Our general approach these days is getting very boring. Low-risk investments are the name of the game. We generally start from the point of view of tax avoidance. The first thing is to make sure that both husband and wife are making full use of their personal tax allowances. If one or the other is not working, I would advise gifting £35,000 to the non-working partner. The interest earned on that should just about use up the personal allowance assuming a 10 per cent yield on the cash. Cash is secure, flexible, and, at an inflation rate of 4.3 per cent, very attractive."

Both partners should invest as much as they can in tax exempt special savings accounts (Tessas). They can each invest up to £9,000 a piece. The next tranche should then go into personal equity plans. In virtually every case, the £6,000 maximum per person should be invested in unit trusts. With the best will in the world, you can't really buy a good spread of shares for £6,000. My choice would be something very boring like UK income-tracking trust. It's completely flexible. But even this is relatively high-risk, and should only be used as part of a wider programme."

This particular couple might also consider investing in a single company Pep. This would account for a further £6,000. However, "These are much more risky and people with much less than £10,000 to invest should think twice."

He recommends putting the rest of the money into National Savings.

BT investors may forfeit rights

HOLDERS of partly paid British Telecom shares who have yet to pay the second instalment could forfeit their rights to any premium earned on their shares as well as discounts or bonuses. These errant investors should receive a reminder in the post by next week. Sara McConnell writes.

About 91 per cent of the 1.8 million people who still hold shares in the offer had sent in cheques to cover their second instalment by July 2. The deadline set so that the cheques could be cleared by

July 7, according to figures from the Treasury. Another 4 per cent have sent cheques that are being cleared. No cut off date has been set.

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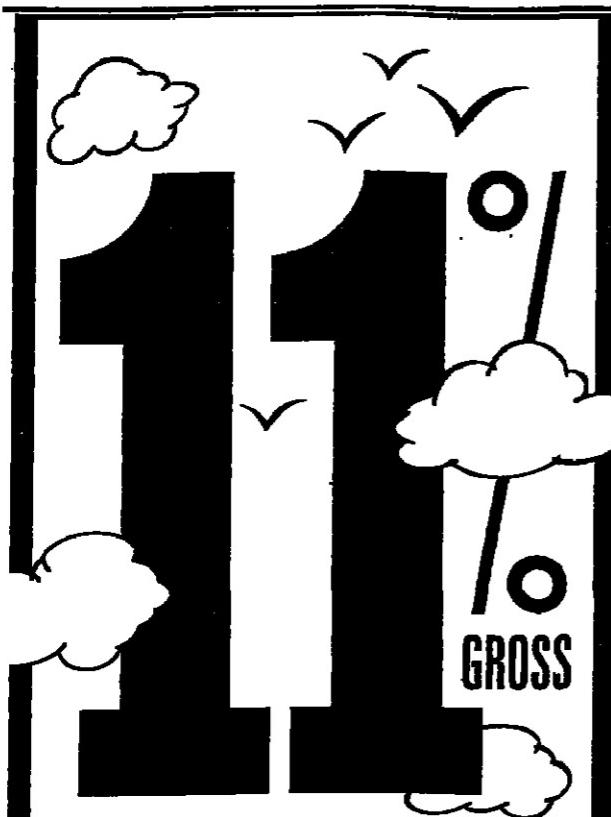
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Sid strikes and Henry bides his time

Rupert Bruce says the stags have headed for the hills and flotation flop as weary investors find better homes for their cash

JUDGING from the lack of demand for recent share issues, the private investor seems to have gone on strike. Certainly, many private investors have become disillusioned with the stock market, but others realise the need to be discerning in times like these.

When stock markets are falling and economic news is bad, Sid — the investor who became familiar with the stock market through stagging privatisation issues for a quick profit — senses that quick profits are not easily made. Add to that an issue price which is not an obvious give-away and he will keep his cash in the building society. His more financially sophisticated relative Henry, however, is still interested. But he will only invest in a good opportunity.

This summer's series of share issues started to flop when the £1.5 billion flotation of GPA Group, the Irish aircraft leasing company, caught a cold from the American new issue market, which has been sickly for a while. It was pulled at the last minute on June 18 after failing to find a single institutional investor in America and a disappointing response in Britain and Ireland.

Since then, the flotation of 3i, the venture capital group, has been postponed, while the offers for sale of Anglian Group, the window manufacturer, The Telegraph, and MFI Furniture Group, were largely left with their City underwriters. On Wednesday

Taunton Cider was the latest victim, where Peter Adams, the chief executive, and Nicke Pearce, the finance director, found the man in the street took up only 15 per cent of the total floated on the market.

The European Smaller Companies Investment Trust attracted £35.5 million, only £500,000 more than the minimum feared by Dresdner Bank, its backer, and most of that was in Germany. Only Kenwood Appliances, the kitchen equipment company, was oversubscribed.

While the GPA Group failure was at the hands of institutional investors, the series of disappointing offers for sale are largely the result of lack of private interest. Jeremy Prescott, a director of Samuel Montagu & Co, said: "I do think that there has been a story knocking around of an investors' strike that is self-generating."

The success of the Kenwood float may partly be because it was completed before the others. It was also, with the exception of the European investment trust, the smallest of the issues. But there is a strong contrast between Kenwood, where operating profits have grown from £4.2 million in 1990 to £9.5 million in 1992 and Anglian.

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which is in one of the worst hit sectors of the economy. Similarly, many private client brokers judged MFI to be a bad investment because furniture sales do not tend to increase in a recession.

The flop of The Telegraph issue was partly attributed to the unpopularity of press barons after the Maxwell affair. Chris Mustan, a director of Albert E. Sharp, the Birmingham private client broker, said: "I think The Telegraph was expensive and there was another factor there in the wake of the Maxwell affair — the fact that the master company is a company that is in debt and is floating off shares."

But while many brokers report little private interest for the recent new issues, they say that the response to the £3 billion Wellcome pharmaceutical company share issue, which closes to private clients next Tuesday, is more encouraging. A tranche of 20 million shares worth about £180 million has been set aside for private clients.

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High hopes that fell flat: Peter Adams (left), and Nicke Pearce of Taunton Cider

and at what price before deciding on the issue price. But despite this, some investors are tempted. David Curling, head of investment management at Williams de Broe, the broker, who has not touched any of the other issues, is applying for some Wellcome shares on behalf of his discretionary private client.

From comparing the likely

price and the prospects for earnings growth over the next few years, he believes that Wellcome offers the best value

among the big international drug stocks. He would be happy to buy the shares at between 820p and 880p.

A spokesman for Allied Provincial, the regional private client broker with a network of 24 offices, said:

"Wellcome is slightly different from the other issues. We are seeing patchy demand there. It varies from area to area and office to office. We have seen a lot of demand in the Midlands and in the South."

Given the lack of demand it is surprising that such a large

proportion of these issues have been offered to the public rather than just placed with large institutions. It may be partly because the advisers to the issues were themselves surprised by the lack of demand. But also, there is London Stock Exchange rule that at least 50 per cent of a new issue exceeding £30 million must be available to the public in an offer for sale. Mr Prescott thinks that perhaps this rule should be changed to allow more of a new issue to be placed with institutions.

Private share ownership is facing a steady decline

PRIVATE share ownership is declining and will continue to do so until the Government makes buying and selling shares as easy as running a savings account, a paper published this week claims (Lindsey Cook writes).

Deeper Share Ownership by Matthew Gaved and Anthony Goodman for the Social Market Foundation says that, although 10 million people hold shares, direct share ownership could disappear altogether if dealing is not made easier.

The 10 million shareholders account for less than 20 per cent of the total value of all shares listed on the London Stock Exchange. Thirty years ago they accounted for 70 per cent.

During the eighties, the decade of privatisation, the value of direct shareholdings in leading companies fell from 26 per cent to 14 per cent.

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'Owning shares directly could disappear if dealing is not made easier'

monopoly of company registrars over shareholder services and could open the way to competition in shareholder services.

Information from quoted companies should be improved so that investors can easily find out their objectives, strategies, activities and performance.

The growth of collective investments such as unit trusts, bonds and investment trusts was worrying because it denied investors the right of a voice and the ability to question decisions by attending annual general meetings.

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authors say. They also cannot sell individual shareholdings if they disagree with a company's policy.

When personal equity plans were launched, it was intended that investors should take an active role but plan managers and quoted companies decided this was too expensive and investors who wanted reports were slapped with surcharges.

The unit trust investment in Peps was very limited at the outset because Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor at that time, wanted direct investment in shares to be encouraged.

The proportion of a plan that could be invested through a unit trust has gradually been increased until this year's Budget gave the go-ahead for the full £6,000 annual investment in Peps to be in unit trusts.

The indexed rise for calculating the indexation allowance on assets disposed of in June 1992

Month purchased	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987
January	—	0.686	0.604	0.527	0.447	0.393
February	—	0.679	0.597	0.515	0.442	0.387
March	0.753	0.676	0.592	0.501	0.440	0.385
April	0.719	0.653	0.571	0.470	0.426	0.368
May	0.707	0.646	0.566	0.463	0.424	0.367
June	0.702	0.642	0.562	0.460	0.424	0.367
July	0.701	0.633	0.563	0.463	0.428	0.368
August	0.701	0.628	0.549	0.459	0.424	0.364
September	0.702	0.619	0.546	0.460	0.417	0.360
October	0.693	0.613	0.536	0.457	0.415	0.354
November	0.685	0.607	0.532	0.452	0.403	0.347
December	0.688	0.603	0.533	0.450	0.398	0.348
1988	—	1.989	1.991	1.992	—	—
January	0.348	0.256	0.166	0.070	0.027	—
February	0.343	0.246	0.159	0.064	0.022	—
March	0.338	0.240	0.147	0.060	0.019	—
April	0.317	0.219	0.114	0.047	0.004	—
May	0.312	0.211	0.104	0.043	—	NB
June	0.307	0.207	0.099	0.039	—	—
July	0.306	0.206	0.099	0.041	—	—
August	0.291	0.203	0.097	0.039	—	—
September	0.285	0.195	0.077	0.035	—	—
October	0.272	0.186	0.069	0.031	—	—
November	0.266	0.176	0.072	0.027	—	—
December	0.263	0.173	0.072	0.027	—	—

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Cutting the cost of Euro money transfers

Sara McConnell examines some cross-border banking services

AS PEOPLE start heading for their villas in Tuscany and Provence, they can cut the cost of sending funds from their British bank account to one on the Continent. The Co-operative Bank is now charging a flat rate of £5 for each electronic transfer made between accounts in Britain, France, Belgium, Germany and Italy. Other high street clearing banks charge a minimum of between £5 and £18. The Co-op says it will guarantee a cheque sent to a French bank account from Britain will arrive in three working days. Those in Italy waiting for a cheque to be paid in from Britain will have to wait eight working days while it goes through the British and Italian systems, while those in Germany will have the money in seven working days and in Belgium five working days. These clearing times mean

One customer has used the service to pay an electricity bill incurred at his holiday home in France.



Footing the bill: an idyllic holiday in Tuscany can lead to unexpected expenses that need to be met quickly

the service is not suitable for urgent transfers, which can be carried out through the existing Swift network used by British high street banks. The Co-op has linked up with a bank in each of the four other European countries involved. Through these banks, the Co-op has access to the other countries' equivalent of the Bankers' Automated Clearing Services. Gordon Younger, the Co-op's executive director in charge of money transmissions, said: "At the moment there is a big difference in the amounts that banks charge and there is also uncertainty as to how much it will cost and how long it will take." Customers often did not know whether they would be charged twice, in Britain and by the receiving foreign bank. The Co-op guarantees there will be no extra overseas

charges. One customer has already used the service to pay an electricity bill incurred at his holiday home in France from his British bank account.

Another customer, a publisher exporting a consignment of books to France, received payment directly from his French customer into his UK account.

Anyone sending money through the electronic network via the Co-op would normally need to know the bank account number and the sort code of the recipient's account but alternatively a cheque can be drawn in local currency and forwarded by the giro network.

The exchange rate on transferred funds via the service is fixed at 0.35 per cent above the Co-op's daily rate regardless of the amount transferred.

The Co-op has undercut Girobank, its nearest competitor, which charges £10 for sending money electronically abroad for £10. This will take four or five days depending on the mail. Sending money abroad from other high street banks normally works out

be a Barclaydraft, a pre-signed currency bank draft. This is available to Barcays' customers only, in 21 currencies up to £5,000 and costs £11. One disadvantage of this is that may not be acceptable at any bank except Barclays. Lloyds charges 30p per £100 sent to another bank via an express international money transfer, with a minimum charge of £13 and a maximum charge of £45. International money transfers cost 25p per £100 sent, minimum £12, maximum £35. The bank said the transfer should take about two days. The Midland

charges made by foreign banks. "A receiving bank may make a charge if the payment is not in its own currency, but if it is then it probably won't," NatWest said. They also have little control over how long transfers will take. Research carried out by Hurst Research for the Co-op bank showed that it took three days for £100 to be transferred from Barclays to an account at the Caisse Centrale des Banques Populaires in Paris but that the same transaction on the same day carried out through the Midland took 13 days. Exchange rate charges also made significant differences to the amounts eventually arriving in the account. Money sent through TSB

converted into Fr976.55, while a similar amount sent through the Royal Bank of Scotland turned into Fr985.30. Customers whose money was converted by the French receiving bank did best, with Fr984.10 received from Lloyds and converted by the CCBP and Fr986.45 from the Midland.

Customers often did not know whether they would pay twice, in Britain and then again at the bank abroad

Savings are up — or they could be down

By LIZ DOLAN

RECENT government statements that savings are running at a 10-year high are at odds with the latest findings by NOP, the market research company.

NOP figures show that the number of savers in Britain has actually fallen by five percentage points since 1988. In the first quarter of 1992, the government's own savings ratio showed a 1.3 per cent increase on the previous quarter, and was said to be at its highest level for 10 years.

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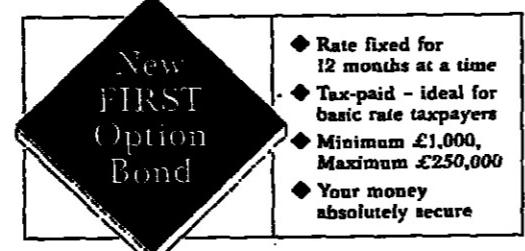
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Revolution keeps Britain in the frame

Britain will unveil a revolutionary cycling frame at the Barcelona Olympics. Peter Bryan reports on the improvements it offers

A NEW cycle design could make the difference between a medal and an also-ran position for Britain at the Olympic Games in Barcelona, which start next weekend. The carbon-fibre frame has been developed by a Norfolk company, Lotus Engineering, specially for the 4,000 metres track pursuit, in which Chris Boardman, the national champion, will be representing Britain.

Since the one-pressing frame was first unveiled at Leicester in May, modifications have resulted in weight reduction and improved aerodynamics.

Lotus is expected to announce a detailed specification of the machine this weekend.

The original design was by Mick Burrows, a former racing cyclist, who is now acting as a consultant on the project.

Wind tunnel tests, involving both a rider and the machine, have indicated that times for the 4,000 metres pursuit could be up to ten seconds faster than those

achieved on a conventional frame.

Apart from the distinctive shape, the design uses only a monoblock front and rear instead of standard forks.

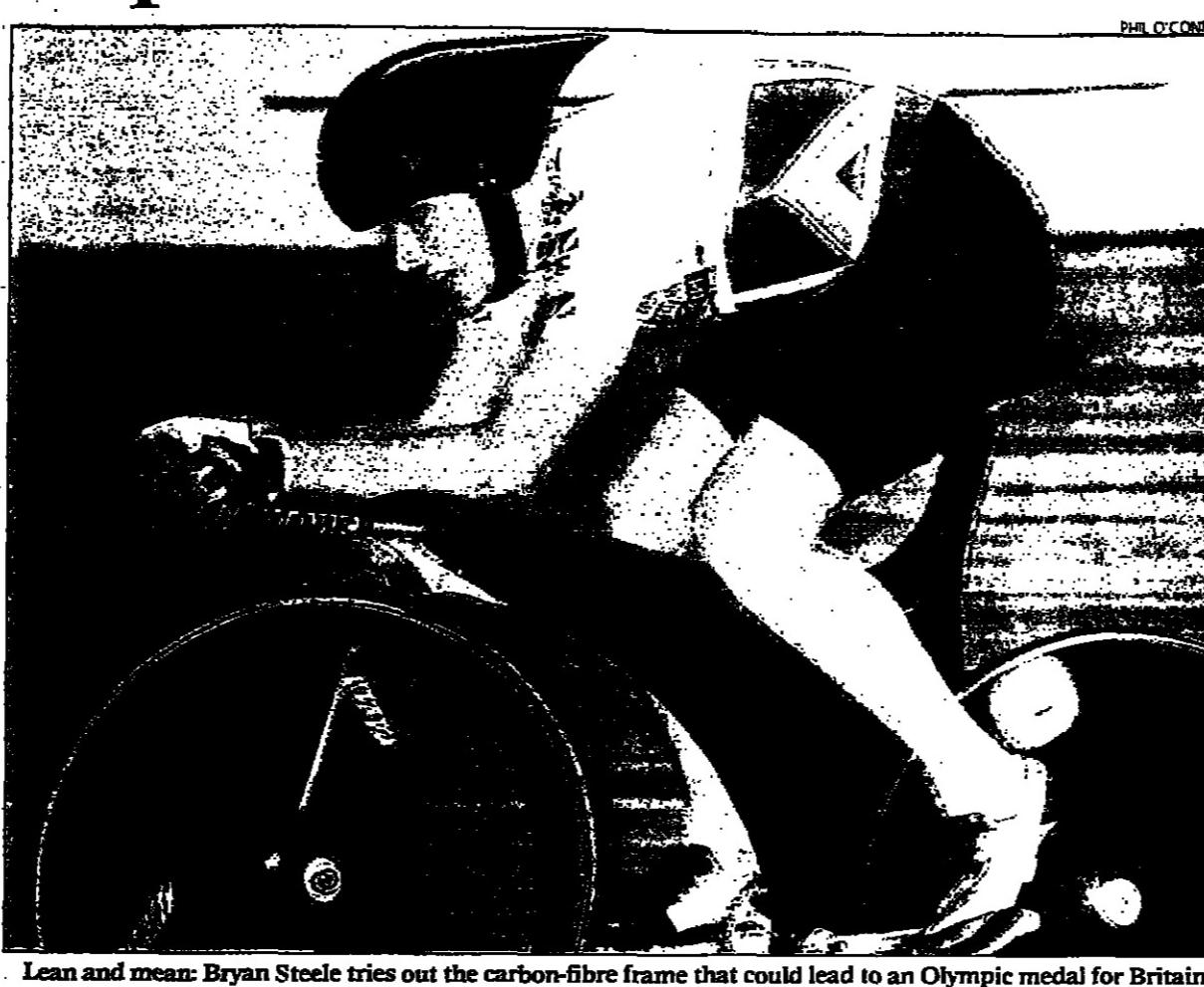
Boardman, who leaves for Barcelona on Monday, had secret trials abroad on a mark two development of the machine. He rode over the full Olympic distance but his time is being kept confidential.

British Cycling Federation (BCF) officials are confident that the monocoque machine will provide a challenge to the world champion, Jens Lehmann, of Germany, in Barcelona.

Boardman was fifth fastest qualifier in the 1991 world championships in Stuttgart, with a time of 4min 31.4sec compared to Lehmann's winning 4min 22.1sec.

Lotus has made two machines for the BCF and a company spokesman said yesterday that he expected the association to continue after the Olympics.

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Lean and mean: Bryan Steele tries out the carbon-fibre frame that could lead to an Olympic medal for Britain

RUGBY LEAGUE

Reilly puts loyalty first for finale

FROM A CORRESPONDENT IN AUCKLAND

LOYALTY has always been a quality that the Great Britain coach, Malcolm Reilly, has valued in his players and he has shown the same loyalty to his side despite the surprise defeat in the first international against New Zealand last Sunday.

Reilly has made only one change to his starting side for the second international here tomorrow and even that was enforced, with Kevin Skeggs ruled out by asthma and replaced by Karl Harrison. The coach has given his players a vote of confidence. "Good players don't become bad ones overnight," he said.

"What we lacked at Palmerston North was urgency and enthusiasm and we can improve on our performance there a tremendous amount. Our defence can certainly improve and our offence has scarcely been as bad all tour," he said.

There are other changes in the squad but they come on the substitutes' bench, with Deryck Fox, Karl Fairbank and Michael Jackson all earning well-merited promotion after producing outstanding form for the midweek side. Joe Lydon and Paul Hulme make way with Harrison moving from the bench to the XIII.

Fox is still in doubt, however, with a leg injury sustained during the victory against Canterbury on Wednesday. A decision on his fitness will be left until the last minute.

Fairbank and Jackson will add pace and incisiveness to the forward play, with Fairbank's dipped passes an increasingly rare skill in the British game. John Devereux could prove, in the last game of the tour, why he was rated the best three-quarter in Britain last season.

The tour has been long and arduous but Reilly and his players are determined that the memory of a fine series against Australia should not be erased by two defeats in New Zealand.

GREAT BRITAIN: G Steadman (Castleford), P Eastwood (Hull), D Powell (Sheffield), G Coughlin (Warrington), M Clark (Middlesbrough), H Hetherington (Middlesbrough), K Harrison (Hull), J Jackson (Hull), A Platt (Wigan), D Rouse (Wigan), S Sube (Leeds), D Fox (Farnborough), M Jackson (Walsall), J Devereux (Warrington), K Fairbank (Bradford).

RUGBY UNION: TOURNAMENT SURPLUS EXCEEDS PESSIMISTIC ESTIMATES

World Cup profit put at £5.5m over and above gate receipts

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE World Cup, played in Britain, Ireland and France last autumn, made a profit of £5.5 million, the organisers announced yesterday. However, that figure does not take account of the surplus gate receipts which accrued to the host unions.

Predictions of the likely tournament profits have lurched alarmingly since the first inflated suggestions, nearly two years before the event, suggested a turnover of about £35 million. But the provisional figures show a turnover of £20 million. The expenses amounted to £14.5 million - £7.3 million spent in the organisation of the tournament, £6.7 million on

In the case of England, for example, gate receipts were

just over £3 million for the three pool matches played by England, their final against the eventual winners Australia, and the pool matches at Leicester, Gloucester and Cardiff.

After deduction of expenses the RFU was left with a surplus of £1,990,582, although that figure was subject to depreciation and tax. The Welsh RU, with gate receipts shared up by the Wales v Australia and New Zealand v Scotland matches at Cardiff Arms Park, returned a surplus of just over £1 million.

"The five host unions will retain the excess of gate receipts over the costs which they incurred in respect of the pool

and knockout matches for which they were responsible," Thomas said. "We do not yet know these figures. Once they are available and our own accounts have been finalised, we shall be able to consolidate both sets of figures and quantify the full financial return of the tournament."

The profits will go towards three projects: next April's RWC sevens at Murrayfield, the 1995 tournament in South Africa, for which qualifying rounds may begin this autumn, and the development of rugby worldwide for which a sum will be held by the International Rugby Settlement, the trust established in the Isle of Man.

The New Zealand coach, Jock Hobbs, said: "We picked a little bit against Argentina, and we went away from our playing pattern for long periods." An 18-hour journey from Sardinia gave them no time to practice on Thursday.

France played their semi-final a day earlier, and had a shorter journey. Their captain, Serge Simon, said: "In typical French fashion, we were distracted by the prospect of a final against New Zealand. We nearly lost to Italy."

Finalists out to improve recent form

Rovigno, Italy: New Zealand, the champions, and France know that they have to raise their level of performance in the final of the Student World Cup here tomorrow, after flawed performances in their semi-finals (Chris Thau writes).

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Each athlete will prepare for the Games differently over the next few days. I will be joining Kriss Akabusi, John Regis and Marcus Adam in Monaco, where we will start our fine tuning under the watchful eyes of our coaches, Mike Whittingham and Mike Macfarlane.

The weather in Monaco will be similar to that in Barcelona, the track is first-class and we should be able to prepare privately in a relaxed atmosphere. Unfortunately, we will have to miss the opening ceremony in Barcelona, since it is more important that we prepare properly for the task ahead on the track, rather than participate in the festivities of it.

Some may object to such a decision but I am sure that the public would rather see us performing to the best of our abilities on the track, which will only happen if our preparation is right.

New Zealand shake up pack

Brisbane: The All Blacks have brought Zinzan Brooke and Kevin Schuler into their pack for the second international here tomorrow against an Australia side that has won nine successive games, including the thrilling 16-15 success in the opening game of the three-match series in Sydney.

New Zealand, who have held the Bledisloe Cup since 1987, have trained in private since arriving in Brisbane from a midweek match in Cairns.

Brooke's superb performance in the victory over Queensland last Sunday has

POLO

Ellerston teams slip in struggle

BY JOHN WATSON

THE finals of the British Open championships, at Cowdray Park, Sussex, over the weekend, came at the end of three weeks of the most determined struggles fought out at six clubs among 18 quartets, all aggregating team handicaps of 21-22. These have been competing in three leagues of six teams.

The general favourites throughout were Ellerston White, the Kerry Packer team, who won the season's second high-goal prize, the Queen's Cup, and Ellerston Black. This was largely because they were mounted from a stronger top.

Following last Thursday's semi-finals, the Black Bears and Santa Fe emerged as the Gold Cup finalists. They will meet on the lawns ground at Cowdray Park tomorrow afternoon.

Ballymore ground and are unbeaten against the Wallabies in Brisbane since 1929.

Australia, with the World Cup, full back, Mary Roebuck, in the side after recovering from a gashed lip, have a slight doubt over Sam Scott-Young, outstanding in Sydney, who reopened a deep head wound in training. (Agencies)

AUSTRALIA: M Roebuck; P Caruze, J Fan-Jones (captain); B Scott-Young, D Tait, J Williams, T Egan, R McColl, E McKenzie, P Keane, T Daly.

NEW ZEALAND: J Tait, J Kavanagh, F Banks, J Williams, S Fox, A Parker, Z Brooke, K Mclellan, A Smith, J Joseph, R Brooks, I Jones, O Brown, S Fitzpatrick (captain), R Loo.

Gold Cup
BLACK BEARS: 1: U Schwarzenbach (1); 2: S Merlo (7); 3: P Mario (10); Back: M Brown (4); 4: J Hine (1); 5: T Stalmire (9); 6: C Forghani (1); 7: S M Higby (10); Back: W Bond (1).

C 6 BROOKES: 1: A Buchanan (3); 2: A Bowes (8); 3: C Rinkel (6); Back: J Daniels (2).

PENDELL: 1: A Hine (5); 2: I Heguy (7); 3: E Heguy (10); Back: P Scott (1).

HEDDLE: 1: W Heddle (3); 2: R Matthews (5); 3: J Horwell (6); Back: J Lucas (1).

ROYAL PAHANG: 1: A Broda (3); 2: G Cass (7); 3: E Trotz (10); Back: M Fonseca (8).

TATHAM CUP
COWDRAY PARK: 1: C Pearson (2); 2: A Kent (7); 3: Lord C Beresford (9); Back: P Wilbers (6).

KENNEDY STABLES: 1: E Hobden (11); 2: P Hedges (10); 3: G Donoso (9); Back: A Kirby (2).

Other polo

BRITISH AIRWAYS TROPHY: Lord Eric McInnes and XI (1); Lord Gurney (2).

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Rossendale v Devon, Weymouth Dorset v Oxfordshire, Chelmsford Lincolnshire v Cambridgeshire, Penrith v Cumbria, Trowbridge, Wiltshire v Cheshire

OTHER SPORT

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CYCLING: Goodmayes 100 miles (Blydes Park, 5.0); Southgate 50 miles (Little Heath, 5.0); Northants PR 25 miles (Northants, 5.0); Purley Down 25 miles (Lark Hill, 7.0); Archer RC 10 miles (Know Hill, 8.0).

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RIFLE SHOOTING: Bisley meeting.

TENNIS: Northern Electric Open Challenger (Newcastle).

CRICKET

Tour match 11.0, 104 overs minimum

DERBY: Derbyshire v Middlesex

Sunday League 2.0, 40 overs

SOUTHEND: Essex v Sussex

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Wells

All clean athletes must support stricter testing

A week before the Olympic Games start, Roger Black, the British 400m medal hope, expresses the athletes' concern about the stigma created by drug cheats

There is a growing concern among the world's leading athletes regarding the ever-decreasing image of our sport due to the use of performance-enhancing drugs. With the Olympic Games only a week away, one cannot avoid the media attention given to this issue, and as more athletes are being caught, the rumours begin to circulate, causing cynicism and mistrust.

I used to feel frustrated by public comment on this subject. Now I feel sadness as well because the sport is suffering from a problem that, if not dealt with properly, will result in the next generation believing that the only way to achieve athletic success is by artificial means. I often wonder what goes on in the mind of a cheating athlete: morality obviously plays no part in his or her thought process and sporting ethics can be ruled out altogether.

With the use of random drug testing in and out of season, the chance of being caught has increased and thus the guilty athlete must live in constant fear of detection. Surely, if this were the case, then the athlete's frenetic state of mind could hardly be described as being conducive to performing well, which leads one to deduce that the athlete is either prepared to take a chance and risk detection or, for whatever reason, is safe in the knowledge that detection will not or cannot take place.

If the latter were to be true, then the sport is fighting a losing battle, since the chemists and those in power will always provide shelter for the unscrupulous competitor. I still believe that the majority of athletes taking part in the Olympic Games are natural and clean. As is usually the case in such situations, it is the minority that will tarnish the reputation of others who constantly have to live with feeling guilty by association.

In the end the impetus to clean up the sport has to come from the athlete himself who, if clean, should be prepared to forgo certain rights of privacy and agree to even stricter testing procedures, including the analysis of blood instead of urine. All this costs money but I am sure that there is enough in the coffers of the

International Amateur Athletic Federation to cover such a testing system if the end result is important enough.

The public often seems concerned, but it was ironic that the athlete who received the most applause at a meeting in Nice last week was a certain Ben Johnson, who is back on the athletics circuit but is only half the man he used to be.

It was in Nice that I ran my last 400 metres race before the Olympics. It is always encouraging to win, which I managed to do, although none of my rivals in Barcelona were in the race. My time of 45.15sec was satisfactory but nothing special and significantly slower than the top three Americans, who will start as favourites for the medals in Barcelona.

It has been a mixed season to date: in May I appeared to be on course for a series of fast times but I have recently reached a plateau from which I will need to improve if I am to return successful.

Each athlete will prepare differently over the next few days. I will be joining Kriss Akabusi, John Regis and Marcus Adam in Monaco, where we will start our fine tuning under the watchful eyes of our coaches, Mike Whittingham and Mike Macfarlane.

The weather in Monaco will be similar to that in Barcelona, the track is first-class and we should be able to prepare privately in a relaxed atmosphere. Unfortunately, we will have to miss the opening ceremony in Barcelona, since it is more important that we prepare properly for the task ahead on the track, rather than participate in the festivities of it.

Some may object to such a decision but I am sure that the public would rather see us performing to the best of our abilities on the track, which will only happen if our preparation is right.

CYCLING

Roche uses the Alps to make up ground

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

St Gervais, France: Stephen Roche gained more than two minutes on the favourite, Miguel Indurain, when the Tour de France embarked on its first day in the Alps yesterday.

The Irishman's third place in the 267km twelfth stage from Dole, the longest in this year's race, enabled him to finish 2min 15sec in front of the peloton, including Indurain and the overall leader, Pascal Lino, the Frenchman.

Roche came 39 seconds behind Rolf Jaermann, of Switzerland, who won the stage from the Spaniard, Pedro Delgado, the 1988 champion.

Roche and Delgado had broken away from the bunch on the main climb of the day, the Mont Saleve overlooking Geneva, the steepest pass in this year's race. At one point they had opened a lead of well over four minutes, which would have enabled the Irishman to take over the leader's yellow jersey.

The pack worked hard to close the gap and Roche, tired of making the pace, flagged slightly five kilometres from the finish, enabling Delgado and Jaermann to get away.

Lino retained the yellow jersey with Indurain second

and Roche third, two minutes behind the Frenchman but only 33 seconds behind the Spaniard.

Roche has been plagued by injuries since his Tour win in 1987 and is still suffering back problems.

Greg LeMond, three times the champion, is fifth, still 4min 27sec behind. However, the American again flared with trouble. He dropped more than a minute behind on the second of the climbs and had to rush on the descent to catch up with the main pack.

Another two days in the Alps lie ahead. Today the stage goes to Sestriere in Italy, with five heavy climbs. Tomorrow's stage includes the difficult climb to l'Alpe d'Huez with three mountains rated most difficult by the organisers.

If Indurain comes out of the mountain section close to the top, he expects to make up the difference at York before winning a decent graduation event at Chester in style — and by five lengths.

And so the success has continued. Lord President and Frey, who won by five and four lengths respectively last week, Perfect Halo, a bright chestnut who bears an uncanny resemblance to Zoman, has won two consecutive races. Woodchat impressed on a winning debut at Salisbury last Saturday, the day after Splendid won the Black Duck Stakes at York.

Most recently, Bright Generation made a mockery of the Milcates Stakes at Sandown on Thursday when thrashing Nuryandura seven lengths.

Fifteen juveniles owned by Cole's principal patron, Fahd Salman, have now won twelve carrying the familiar

dark green silks have won, several of them without being extended.

Anthony Penfold, racing manager to Salman, and Cole work together closely, especially at the sales, where they seek out yearlings with the potential to make up into nice middle-distance three-year-olds. Last year, they paid an average of \$96,000 for yearlings — somewhat below the going rate paid by other big foreign players.

They seem to be a very nice bunch of two-year-olds. What we don't know is if one is going to be a star," Penfold said earlier this week before departing for the Keeneland

sales. "It is quite exciting at the moment but we have got to keep it in perspective. To win maidens and graduations is one thing, group races are another matter."

Cole, who last year added

Generous to Whatcombe's list of champions, also has his feet on the ground. "So far, so good," he commented in school-masterly fashion.

But the excitement and hope bubbling just beneath the surface, soon pierced the equilibrium of the champion trainer. "There should be one or two who will compete at top level next season."

"I am giving most of two-

year-olds who have won a month to six weeks off. Basically the races I am thinking of don't start until September."

"They will be kept ticking over and then go into work. The ones that work the best will go for the best races."

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Lyric Fantasy can sprint clear

A FLEETING glimpse of that fast filly Lyric Fantasy will be the treat in store for racegoers at Newbury today when she contests the Newbury Sales Super Sprint Trophy.

As members of the Arazi fan club now know to their cost, there are no such things as racing as certainties.

However, Lyric Fantasy should still win because she appears to have the proverbial ton in hand on form.

When she became the first two-year-old to break the 60-second barrier at Ascot last month, Lyric Fantasy beat Mystic Goddess and Too-cando by five lengths to win the Queen Mary Stakes.

In the meantime her victims have again been placed but in the reverse order in the Cherry Hinton Stakes at Newmarket, won by that highly-rated filly Sayedat.

The form of the Queen Mary has been upheld further by the fourth horse, Mariza Park, bearing two subsequent winners, Joyframing and Zuno Warrior, at Sandown.

Even Lyric Fantasy's earlier form at Windsor and Sandown has been boosted by Ancestral Dancer subsequently winning two listed races in Milan.

So the only imponderable as far as Lyric Fantasy is concerned is the ground. In her

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

three races so far she has never encountered going so dead, so her opponents will be praying that it will stifle her brilliant form.

Lord Caernarvon paid 12,500 guineas for Lyric Fantasy at Doncaster last September because her pedigree appealed to him.

In partnership with David Steff, he spent 7,600 guineas buying Surprise Offer with the sole intention of trying to win today's feature race, which was his brainchild when it was launched last year.

By finishing a close second in the Windsor Castle Stakes at Royal Ascot last September, he has done that.

In addition to Lyric Fantasy and Surprise Offer their trainer, Richard Hannon, also saddles Princely Favour and Risk Me's Girl for a race which rewards the first six.

With only 7st 13lb to carry, Risk Me's Girl should also be in the money again since it took a filly of the calibre of the Queen Mary Stakes fifth, Lucky Parkes, to lower her colours at Chester in between

those victories at Sandown and Windsor.

On a day when two-year-olds dominate the stage on the Berkshire track, Hannon can win the Minto Donnington Castle Stakes with Geisway, who is napping to prove that he was unlucky not to finish a lot closer than fourth in the race won by Arkingslass at Newmarket nine days ago.

To prove the point, Geisway is now taken to beat White Crown, who finished second that day, a length and a half in front.

A cracked heel prevented the Julie Cecil-trained High Tycoon, a fluent winner at

Newmarket where he can also

complete her treble in the Linkein Nursery.

Ascot, from contesting the July Stakes at Newmarket.

Now on his comeback in the Newbury Rose Bowl Stakes, the task of giving Sib to the narrow Norfolk Stakes runner-up, Silver Wizard, looks daunting.

Silver Wizard, trained by Geoff Shattock, should reflect today's six furlongs after failing so narrowly to peg back Niche and Lester Piggott at the royal meeting.

After riding Adam Smith in the Arlington International Racetrack Stakes Lanfranco Dettori flies immediately to Newmarket where he can also

win the Chemist Brokers

Stakes for Luca Cumani on

Masad, who was beaten only

half a length and a neck in the Italian Derby.

I saw Masad work well on the Limekilns at Newmarket last week.

The easy Yarmouth winner Riviera Vista is narrowly preferred to Phyllida for the Foodbrokers Trophy.

John Gosden should have a

successful day at Headquarters as I anticipate him landing

a double with Castilian Queen in the Investec Handicap and the dual winner

Marielette, who is taken to

complete her treble in the

Linkein Nursery.

Hills double

RICHARD Hills, after regis-

tering his 500th winner at

Catterick on Thursday, wasted

no time in moving past the

milestone with a Thirsk dou-

ble yesterday on Belated and

Edgeway.

Belated won for Hills in

impressive fashion in the

Wetherby Maiden Stakes.

The Tom Jones-trained filly,

coasted to an eight-length win

from Canon Kyte.

Hills reported that Edgeway

ran in snatches before beating

Auction King by two-and-a-

half lengths in the Stokesley

Maiden Stakes. Richard

Hannon collected with Night

Melody.

Notley serves notice of Stewards' Cup chance

By MICHAEL SEEY

NOTLEY'S odds for an attempt to repeat last year's win in the Goodwood Stewards' Cup was slashed from 16-1 with Hills yesterday despite a narrow defeat by Montendre in the Hackwood Stakes at Newbury.

Slightly disappointing in his previous runs this season, Richard Hannon's five-year-old now has to shoulder 10 stone in the most competitive sprint handicap of the year.

"He's got dodgy legs and has been waiting for some better ground," said the trainer. "I had a good run and he's certainly got to take his chance."

The soft ground, however, was all against Hannon's other runner, Central City, the 3-1 favourite, who weakened in the last furlong to finish sixth. "She was only cantering, went to pieces in the going," said the trainer.

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Montendre, brought with a

storming late run by John

Reid, was a decisive and

popular winner for Matt McCormack, the Wantage trainer, and the five-year-old's owner, David Mort, a 62-year-old retired civil engineer.

Reid had initiated a 20-1

double when winning the opening Echternach Maiden

Stakes at Norfolk Hero.

The winner is entered in the £100,000 Racecall Gold Trophy at Redcar in October. "I

don't think he's likely to run," said David Murray-Smith.

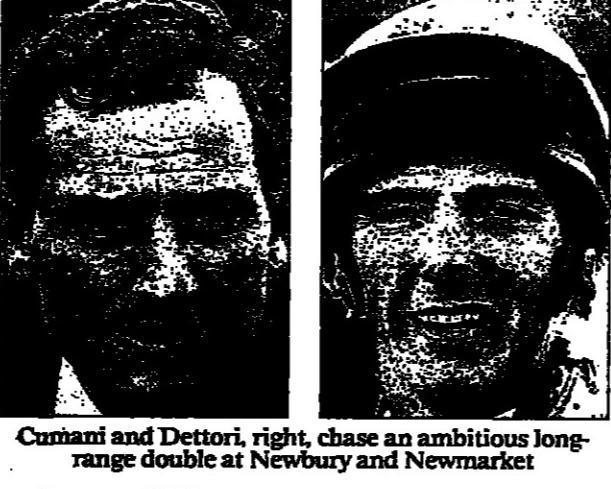
saddling his first winner at the current Flat racing season. "He didn't much like the soft ground. He's also weak and we don't want to ask him to do too much this year."

Murray-Smith then denied a report that he is to give up training and move to Gumley in Leicestershire to live on an estate he has inherited from his cousin, the late Tony Murray-Smith.

"My present stables, Frenchman's Yard, have been on the market but we haven't managed to sell them. But I'm not going to give up training and if I do move it would only be to another yard in Lamourn."

Another trainer who has been slow to strike form this season has been Dick Hern. And the sight of Willie Carson and Tafrah storming home by one-and-a-half lengths in the Watermill Stakes was a welcome sight.

Just about the most impressive winner of the afternoon was Only Royale, whom Lanfranco Dettori persuaded to produce a devastating burst of speed to defy 9st 1lb in the Birkdale Group Handicap.



Cumani and Dettori, right, chase an ambitious long-range double at Newbury and Newmarket

2.30 NEWBURY SALES SUPER SPRINT TROPHY BBC1
201 (8) 3212 JOYRACING 8 (f) (W Yang) W O'Connor 5-1... D Holland 66
302 (11) 1121 LYRIC FANTASY 31 (f) (Lest Campano) R Hanson 6-11... M Roberts 70
303 (14) 121 SAINT EXPRESS 22 (f) (M St Geron) R Walker 6-10... A Colucci 70
304 (15) 122 STYLIC 23 (f) (Lest Campano) R Hanson 6-10... J Reddy 72
305 (16) 1301 SURPRISE OFFER 29 (Lest Campano) R Hanson 6-8... J Reddy 72
306 (17) 1323 ARKAMIA 38 (f) (Lest Campano) R Hanson 6-5... B Rose 64
308 (19) 1425 PRINCELY FAVOUR 7 (C Hanover) R Hanson 6-4... B Rose 64
310 (20) 1426 BELATED 12 (f) (Lest Campano) R Hanson 6-4... A Colucci 70
311 (1) 1211 RISK ME'S GIRL 60 (D) (Felicite) R Hanson 7-13... L Davies 66
311 (1) 1211 RISK ME'S GIRL 60 (D) (Felicite) R Hanson 7-13... L Davies 66
BETTING: 4-11 (lyric Fantasy, 7-1 Surprise Offer, 16-1 Risk Me's Girl, 20-1 J Reddy 13-1 others).
1989: PARIS HOUSE 6-3 3rd 11-1 1st 16-1 2nd 20-1 3rd 11-1 4th 16-1 5th 20-1 6th 13-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

JOYRACING 21 2nd of 6 to Marsha in a Listed race at Sandown (10, 6f, 5y) (good to firm)
201 2nd of 6 to Marsha in a 6-furlong race at Newmarket (10, 6f, 5y) (good to firm).
202 2nd of 6 to Marsha in a 6-furlong race at Newmarket (10, 6f, 5y) (good to soft).

RICHARD EVANS: 2.00 Prevena.
Our Newmarket Correspondent: 1.30 Adam Smith.

GOING: GOOD
DRAW: 5F 34YD - 7F STRAIGHT, HIGH NUMBERS HAVE SLIGHT ADVANTAGE

1.30 ARLINGTON INTERNATIONAL RACECOURSE STAKES (25, USG: 1m 21 2y) (4 runners) BBC1
101 (2) 25-25 ADAM SMITH 63 (last of half of Hold It) Clegg 4-4-4... L Doherty 98
102 (3) 15-15 PERCY'S GIRL 14 (f) (Shah Mohamed) G Wang 4-4-4... W Sibson 95
103 (4) 01 HOST 36 (f) (The Donger Lady) Sibson 3-0-4... M Roberts 98
104 (5) 1110 ROBIN 32 (f) (Sibson (Shah Mohamed)) H Clark 3-0-4... P Eddery 98
BETTING: 6-4 (Adam Smith, 7-4 Host, 10-6 Robin 6-1, 12-2 others).
1989: ADVERSARY 3-4-4 (f) (P Eddery) 6-2 (J Hannon) 6-2 others.

FORM FOCUS

2.30 NEWBURY ROSE BOWL STAKES BBC1
201 (8) 21 HIBI TYCOON 20 (f) (Lest Campano) R Hanson 9-2... J Reddy 83
302 (12) 3131 PORT LOCAYA 22 (f) (Lest Campano) R Hanson 9-11... J Reddy 87
303 (13) 3131 RAYBURN 30 (f) (Lest Campano) R Hanson 9-11... P Eddery 89
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RICHARD EVANS: 2.15 United Kingdom, 4.15 RIVIERA VISTA (nap).

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.15 MASAD (nap), 4.15 Riviera Vista.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.15 EURO FESTIVAL.

GOING: GOOD
DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

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3.40 JULY HANDICAP (3-Y-O: 25,900; 1m 5f 6y) (9 runners) BBC1
201 (7) 8-113 NOT IN DOUBT 24 (f) (M St Geron) H Candy 6-7... C Reiter 97
202 (4) 8-121 SPINNED 17 (f) (Lest Campano) R Hanson 6-3... T Collier 90
203 (5) 8-123 ALAHARAN 25 (f) (M St Geron) J Dutton 6-13... W R Swinhorn 98
204 (6) 8-124 CRYSTAL CROSS 17 (f) (Lest Campano) R Hanson 6-3... P Timpson 97
205 (7) 8-125 BANDOLINE 25 (f) (Lest Campano) R Hanson 6-3... A Melone 98
206 (8) 8-126 CORTIGER 19 (f) (Lest Campano) R Hanson 6-3... D Holland 98
207 (9) 8-127 CORTIGER 23 (f) (Lest Campano) R Hanson 6-3... D Holland 98
208 (10) 8-128 CORTIGER 23 (f) (Lest Campano) R Hanson 6-3... J Dennehy 98
209 (11) 8-129 CORTIGER 23 (f) (Lest Campano) R Hanson 6-3... J Dennehy 98
210 (12) 8-130 CORTIGER 23 (f) (Lest Campano) R Hanson 6-3... J Dennehy 98
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Selectors will put their faith in swing and seam

By ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

ONCE a year, the job of the England selector changes character. The ordered policies of development and continuity are cast aside and a team has to be chosen for a match as different from the regulation Test match as is Aintree from a park racecourse.

Headingley provides the Grand National of many a Test series. Its challenges are unique but, just as at Aintree, they favour one type and

alienate the rest. Selections must be brave and focused, especially when the series depends on it. If England lose in Leeds, as they had done four times in succession before last year's dramatic defeat of West Indies, the series will be beyond recall.

Granted dry weather, a positive result is inevitable at Headingley unless the place has undergone a transplant of pitch and atmosphere. Whatever the groundsmen, Keith Boyce, may say, it will be a bowlers' match, for that Malcolm and Salisbury

So the urgency in the selectors' deliberations, these last few days, cannot be overstated.

Somewhat, in the side they announce tomorrow, they must correct the palpable imbalance between the bowling strength of the teams. Extreme speed is no great advantage here, especially when its line is unreliable. Spin is almost redundant; England have not chosen a slow bowler for the last three Tests in Leeds. So it is logical that Malcolm and Salisbury

way for the archetypal Headingley bowling — swing and seam at less than frightening pace.

Few bowlers fit that bill more snugly than Derek Pringle and, for a man who has played only 27 Tests in 11 years, it is no coincidence that this will be his sixth match at Headingley. He will not fondly recall his one for 183 in 1989 but, that apart, he has taken 16 for 267 in three games since 1986.

Pringle is a certainty. The same cannot be said of Ian Botham but, despite being

dropped and widely laid to rest after Lord's, he characteristically finds a quick comeback opportunity. It was significant that he turned out for Durham yesterday with a chipped bone in a thumb and, if the selectors trust his increasingly suspect fitness, he could be chosen to bat at No. 7.

There will be a temptation to sacrifice the specialist wicketkeeper, though I hope it is resisted for the sake of Stewart, who has so flourished in first-class cricket as a wicket-keeper. Cork is unfit, Caddick and Illott might be thought too raw for such a situation and Pick and Millns are more the type for the Oval. So it could come down a choice

between Newport, Bicknell and Mallender, the latter's accuracy winning him a belated debut.

Graeme Hick will probably be saved, not only by his double-century on Wednesday but by his ability to provide some slow bowling if needed, but a return to the party of a battle-hardened Allan Lamb would also make sense.

Possible party: Gooch, Stewart, Atherton, Smith, Gower, Hick, Lewis, Russell, Pringle, Munton, Mallender, Lamb.

Ground record for Yorkshireman

Moxon shows he remains among leading openers

By ALAN LEE

CHELTENHAM (first day of three; Gloucestershire won toss): Yorkshire have scored 339 for seven wickets against Gloucestershire

YORKSHIRE first played at Cheltenham in 1876, when W.G. Grace made 318 not out and Gloucestershire, as usual in those days, went on to win the Championship. Both counties are more concerned about the wooden spoon this year but, yesterday, Martin Moxon displayed a Grace-like disposition to bat all day, putting Yorkshire on course for what would be their 100th victory in this fixture.

With the weather and setting sufficient to restore even a cynic's faith in the county game, Moxon looked exactly what he is, one of the best openers in the country. Four of Yorkshire's top seven managed one run among them: Moxon made 171 not out, the highest score by a Yorkshireman on this ground.

It is three years since he played the last of his ten Test matches and his hopes of improving that figure have been regularly sabotaged by broken bones, but he is now in

the most assertive form of his career, plainly relishing the cares of captaincy. If the selectors want the security of another top-order batter at Headingley, they could do a lot worse.

At 11 days' duration, Cheltenham stages the longest, and arguably the best, of all the festivals. Next year's fixture reform will thankfully diminish it as Gloucestershire are planning two four-day and two one-day games.

The college ground was at its loveliest yesterday, an all-day barbecue and home-made cakes to rival Worcester's just adding to the attractions. Moxon may have had a more jaundiced view when he lost the toss, however. Overnight rain had seeped under the covers and batting first promised to be hazardous business with Courtney Walsh in opposition.

When Walsh's second ball bounced twice on its way through to Russell, Moxon was reassured. The West Indian rested after only five desultory overs and, although he returned with more vim, removing Kellett, Byas and almost Tendulkar in the

penultimate over of the morning, Yorkshire by then had a solid platform.

The first wicket produced 103 and the third 124. While Moxon and Tendulkar were together, unerring in their footwork and punishing whatever was dropped short, it was hard to think where Gloucestershire's next wicket might come from.

Then, remarkably, they took four for 19. Scott producing a lifting leg-cutter to which Tendulkar was good enough to get a touch, before Alleyne, the sixth bowler used, took wickets in each of his first three overs. Alleyne's four previous wickets had cost him 70 runs apiece, so three for eight was rather handy.

At 246 for six, Yorkshire were in danger of surrendering their advantage but the doughty Carrick stood firm against another blast from Walsh and helped the immovable Moxon add 50 for the seventh wicket.

Jarvis arrived to secure the fourth batting point and Moxon declined to declare, reasoning he may have something close to a winning total, even on a pitch of no malice.

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Moores joins Smith to steer Sussex to smoother waters

By JACK BAILEY

SOUTHEND (first day of three; Sussex won loss): Sussex have scored 341 for five wickets against Essex

FRESH from a startling victory over Gloucestershire, Essex threatened to carry all before them yesterday. But the early cloud cover soon disappeared, the sun came out, the gentle aroma of Southend hamburgers overpowered the sea air and David Smith, of Essex, dropped anchor.

For some time, Smith was a lonely sentinel, watching four wickets fall for 74 — a total to which he had contributed more than half the runs — while Childs wreaked havoc at the other end, taking three

wickets for seven runs in 6.2 overs. Then Moores came in.

So well did Smith take command, and so well did Moores lend support, that before they were separated, Essex had passed 150 of his undefeated 176 and Moores had reached the fourth century of his career. Between them, they added 25 runs from 66 overs and made Essex look distinctly unlike a side that leads the championship by nearly 40 points.

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South Africa reject TV instant replay

SOUTH African cricket organisers yesterday ruled out the use of television cameras to monitor controversial decisions in their Test series against India in November.

Krish Mackerthuif, the president of the United Cricket Board of South Africa, said the idea was unfeasible. "We tried it at one match last year and we found it a fiasco. The umpires on the ground had a tendency to not take decisions immediately and refer them to the third umpire [monitoring the television screen]. It kills the game," he said.

Mackerthuif said that the board decided to use the third umpire as a referee during the series. He will sit with the match referee and replace the other umpires if necessary.

□ Essex have signed Muneeb Diwan, aged 20, a Canadian-born right-handed batsman who has played for both Derbyshire and Essex seconds.

□ Hampshire, the Benson and Hedges Cup winners, announced yesterday that they would be playing more cricket at Portsmouth's Burnaby Road ground next season after their decision to leave Dean Park in Bournemouth.

YESTERDAY'S BRITANNIC INSURANCE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP SCORECARD

Leics v Somerset

LEICESTER (first day of three; Leicestershire won loss): Leicestershire, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 318 runs behind Somerset.

ROMERSA: First innings

A N Hayhurst c & b Miles 45

M J Tavelin c & b Benjamin 45

G J Tavelin not out 69

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D J Tavelin c & b Miles 53

N O Burns c Miles 81

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Third championship in sight as records fall at Muirfield

Faldo to the fore with majestic performance

By MITCHELL PLATTIS
GOLF CORRESPONDENT

NICK Faldo yesterday seized command of the 121st Open Championship at Muirfield. Faldo, galvanised by the return of his putting stroke, majestically compiled a second round of 64 for a halfway total of 130, 12 under par, with which he established a record for the first 36 holes of the Championship.

Gordon Brand Jr, with a 68, and the American, John Cook, with a 67, share second place three shots behind, but they face an unenviable task in attempting to overhaul Faldo in such brilliant form over the final 36 holes.

Steve Pate, another American, took 70 for a total of 134, one ahead of compatriots Ray Floyd (71), Donnie Hammond (65) and the South African, Ernie Els (69). Yet Faldo completely dominated the day while Ian Woosnam, one shot behind the leaders overnight, retreated into the pack.

Faldo said: "I felt so comfortable over every shot. It didn't matter what club I had in my hands. I just felt that I was going to hit the ball where I wanted. It is the best round I've ever played in an Open championship."

"I don't have to be wary of anything over the weekend. I know what I'm doing. I just



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need to stay in the same mode and keep my concentration. I was more relaxed today, I felt I was communicating more with the gallery. The more I pleased the spectators, the more I must be pleasing myself. It was a unique feeling.

There were few of those as Faldo advanced towards a third Open championship. He two-potted the fifth for his first birdie, holed from eight feet at the next and dropped his only shot at the short seventh where he hit a four-iron into a bunker after being forced to wait on the tee for several minutes.

Faldo struck what he called a "career shot" at the ninth with a three-wood to set up an eagle putt of four feet. He holed the shot from out of a little hollow with a low draw and the ball came out like a rocket on its way to the green 228 yards away. "That shot and the 20-foot putt I holed for a par at the eighth really made me feel good inside," Faldo said. "I feel so comfortable that I wanted just to let it keep rolling."

Ten years ago Brand left behind an outstanding ama-

teur career and made an immediate impact in the professional world. He won twice and earned the rookie of the year title. Yet it has taken him until now to savour the enjoyment of leading the Open, albeit short lived as Faldo advanced later in the afternoon. He momentarily hoisted himself ahead by virtue of extracting three birdies from his next five holes. The best of them was at the 14th where he drilled a glorious three iron to nine feet from the hole.

Cook has far less experience than Brand of playing traditional links golf. Yet there were times when it appeared he had been raised on playing the bump and run rather than lofting high, soft shots into receptive greens. Old Tom Morris might have found Cook's explanation for playing so well a touch bewildering but it did come right from the heart.

"I've committed myself to strive for perfection but I've learned more recently not to be too hard on myself. It was a unique feeling.

"I'm not one of those one-dimensional Americans," he said. "It takes a little adjustment to hit a three iron 135 yards or a nine iron 195 yards but that stuff to me is what the game is all about."

The game has not always been kind to the 24-year-old Cook, who lives in California. He suffered for years with a hand injury and when he was playing well his clubs mysteriously vanished during a short plane ride. Floyd, within two months of seniority, held his game together well. He says the key to his longevity as a golfer is his suppleness and flexibility but there is good reason to emphasize that his present optimism has strengthened his resilience.

José María Olazábal exuded happiness and confidence following a 67, his lowest round in an Open, which put him on 137, five under.

Olazábal, who had six birdies, said: "I feel great and I'm enjoying the game again."



Leading the way: Faldo celebrates another birdie at the 12th yesterday

Couples heads list of notable failures

By MITCHELL PLATTIS

FRED Couples, the US Masters champion, and Colin Montgomerie yesterday concluded their challenge for the 121st Open Championship in much the same manner. Both left Muirfield reticent and rapidly.

Couples took 78, including a seven at the 18th, for a 148, and Montgomerie, who tied a milestone on himself with an opening 76, went out after a 78 for 146.

"Of course, I'm disappointed," Montgomerie said. "How would you think I feel at missing the halfway cut in the Open Championship?"

Couples walked off the course with the words: "I have a car waiting for me." It is the first time in eight Open Championships that he has been a victim of the halfway guillotine.

The casualty list also included Severiano Ballesteros, Gary Player, Curtis Strange, Tom Watson, Jack Nicklaus and Davis Love III.

Ballesteros, suffering from hay fever, struggled over the final stretch. He dropped a shot at the 14th although he was still in sight of survival until he took six at the 18th. There, he was short in two, chipped on, but took three putts after leaving his first attempt from 30 feet some eight feet short.

Nicklaus, who scored 73 for 148, said: "I played decently until I dropped three shots over the last five holes. It was disappointing, it might be the last time I play in the Open or it might not be. I don't know."

But Nicklaus, the winner of three Opens and 18 major championships in all, suggested he would be tempted to return to St Andrews in 1995.

Daren Lee, aged 26, of Essex, was the only one of five amateurs to survive. Lee, who is recovering from the viral fatigue syndrome, ME, scored 72 for 140, two under par.

The attendance at Muirfield yesterday was today 32,842, taking the total for the week, including practice days, to 85,960.

Mark Calcavecchia, who won the Open three years ago, and his wife, Sheryl, had a briefcase containing some £30,000-worth of jewellery stolen from their hotel on Thursday evening. "It's my fault because I left it unlocked," Sheryl said.

Two late birdies save day

Long and short world of Raymond Floyd

STEVEN Richardson, the runner-up in the PGA European Tour order of merit last year, returned to form with a second round of 68 with which he ensured his survival in the 121st Open (Minchell Plants writes).

Richardson, who is on 142 level par, said: "I felt as miserable as sin after my first round of 74. I knew it would take a sub-par round to keep in the championship and I was determined not to let myself down."

"In fact I was a little unlucky not to pick up more than three birdies but I was also delighted not to drop a shot at any hole. I've had a few problems with my game in recent weeks but I feel like a million dollars right now."

Richardson transformed his position with birdies at the last two holes which earned him a place in the third round.

Meanwhile Gordon Brand Sr insisted that he would even if his son, Gordon, who shares second place, is in contention to win on Sunday.

Brand, the club professional at Knowle near Bristol, said: "I won't be going there because I have too many lessons booked at my club on Sunday. In any case I don't think he needs any help at the moment. He seems to be playing pretty well."

Kevin Jones, aged 39, the Welshman who qualified to play in his first Open after 15 previous failures, scored 81 for a total of 150 to miss the halfway cut by seven shots.

Tom Watson, five times a champion, missed only his second halfway Open cut and departed with a knock-out blow when his approach to the last green hit a young spectator on the head and required medical treatment.

She looked terrific but not, I'm told, half as terrific as she had looked earlier that evening when she took to the links of North Berwick for, well, it's difficult to describe really. It wasn't an evening constitutional and it wasn't exactly a jog, although she was clad in little red running shorts, blond hair streaming behind her, doing a tan imitation of the Golden Girl.

A dab hand at the debouch, she was, however, wielding a polo stick and striking a ball as she ran, to keep her game in trim.

It did nothing at all for the golf games of the stunned locals who were arrested in mid-stroke by the apparition. They'll be sorry that Fred missed the cut.

Below par

Women in general are having a good deal at the Open this year (what more can one ask after being allowed in the locker room?) but some of the caddies feel they are still being treated as second-class citizens, or even lower. "The facilities are nil," one well-known tarter said.

For example, the caddies get tickets until Friday only.

Monty blank

Finally, on the day that so many wend their sad way from Muirfield, visitors of the cut spare a thought for those who have to bale out, notably one magazine which had planned a two-page spread entitled "Monty's diary". The man in question, Captain Montgomerie, will miss the last two days after finishing on 146, four-over par.

SECOND-ROUND SCORES FROM MUIRFIELD

Muirfield: Par 71 (6,970 yards); Outward nine — 36 (3,518 yards); Inward nine — 35 (3,452 yards)																			
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133 G Brand Jr (GB)	65	5	4	4	3	4	4	3	4	5	3	4	2	3	4	3	5	4	65
133 J Cook (US)	66	4	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	5	4	3	5	4	4	4	4	4	67
134 S Pate (US)	64	4	4	3	3	5	4	2	3	5	4	4	4	4	5	3	5	5	70
135 R Floyd (US)	64	4	4	4	3	5	4	3	4	5	5	4	4	3	4	4	4	4	71
135 D Hammond (US)	70	4	4	3	2	5	5	2	3	4	4	4	3	3	5	4	3	4	65
135 E Els (SA)	66	4	3	3	3	5	5	3	4	5	4	3	4	3	4	4	5	69	
137 T Purzer (US)	68	4	4	4	3	4	4	3	4	4	4	5	4	3	5	4	4	5	69
137 J-M Olazábal (Sp)	70	5	4	3	3	4	4	3	4	5	3	5	2	4	4	4	3	5	67
137 L Rinker (US)	69	4	3	3	3	5	4	3	4	5	4	4	2	4	4	3	3	4	68

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Adventurous: Catherine Deneuve in *Belle de Jour*

BATMAN RETURNS (12): Quirky but ho-hum sequel, best when the spotlight falls on Michelle Pfeiffer's electric Catwoman. With Michael Keaton, Danny DeVito, director, Tim Burton. Barbican (071-536 8891). Camden Parkway (071-267 7034). Empire (071-497 9999). MGM Baker Street (071-935 9772). MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636). MGM Oxford Street (071-636 0310). MGM Trocadero (071-434 0311). Nothing Hill Coronet (071-727 6705). Screen on the Green (071-26 5520). UCI Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

BELLE DE JOUR (18): Burton's 1967 classic about the adventurous libido of a bourgeois wife (Catherine Deneuve). Cool and compelling in a sparkling new print. Jean Sorel, Michel Piccoli. Everyman (071-435 1525). MGM Swiss Centre (071-439 4470).

THE BEST INTENTIONS (12): Ingmar Bergman's fascinating tale of his parents' turbulent courtship and marriage. Dull direction by Bille August; excellent performances (Pernilla August, Samuel Freider, Greta (071-836 0691).

DAKOTA ROAD: Sexual frustration in the Norfolk fens. Good landscapes, but too much silly rural angst. Written and directed by playwright Nick Ward. With Alan Howard, Charlotte Chatton. National Film Theatre (071-928 3232).

HOWARDS END (PG): Absorbing version of E.M. Forster's novel about two colliding families with different ideals. With Anthony Hopkins, Emma Thompson, Helena Bonham-Carter. Director, James Ivory. Curzon Mayfair (071-465 3885). Curzon West End (071-439 4505).

THE LONG DAY CLOSES (12): Terence Davies's powerful evocation of childhood's lost paradise. With Leigh McCormick, Marjorie Yates, and a wonderful aural collage of Phil Sutcliffe. Curzon Phoenix (071-240 5661). Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772).

THE LOVER (18): Jean-Jacques Annaud's over-cautious, faithfully erotic adaptation of Marguerite Duras's auto-censored novella about an adic sexual girl.

discovery of sex and love in Twenties colonial Indo-China. MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636). MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527). MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (071-627 929 7025). MGM Trocadero (071-34 0311). UCI Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

PEPI, LUCI, BOM...: Outrageous adventures of three Madrid teenagers. Amazingly well-directed from Pedro Almodóvar, completed in 1980. With Carmen Maura. Metra (071-437 7575).

THE PLAYBOYS (12): Love and jealousy in an Irish village in 1957. Strong performances (Albert Finney, Robin Wright, Aidan Quinn), but too much blamey. Director, Robert Altman. From Michael Tolkin's novel. Tim Robbins as the studio executive who kills a writer; plus cameos and walk-ons galore. MGM Cheshire (071-352 5096). Odeon, Kensington (0426 914665). Leicester Square (0426 915683). Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366). UCI Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

THE RAPTURE (18): Disaffected woman (Mimi Rogers, excellent) becomes Born Again. Provocative exploration of spiritual malaise, written and directed by Michael Tolkin. MGM Paxton Street (071-930 0631). NIGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148).

VAN GOGH (12): Maurice Pialat's masterly, no-nonsense portrait of the painter's last months. Fine performance from Jacques Dutronc. Renoir (071-837 8402).

THEATRE

LONDON

COLUMBUS: Subtitled *And the Discovery of Japan*, this is Richard Nelson's contribution to the 1992 affair. Jonathan Hyde plays Christopher. Directed by John Caird (see *Evenings Out*). Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Preview Mon, Tues, 7.15pm, opens Wed, 7pm; then in repertory.

DEATH AND THE MAIDEN: Abel Dorfman's scorching psychological drama: Geraldine James, Michael Byrne and Paul Freeman.

Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Thurs, 9pm, Sat, 4pm.

GRAND HOTEL: Musical barley sugar. Berlin in the Twenties. Sentimental, American, entertaining.

Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, W1 (071-580 9562). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm.

SIX DEGREES OF SEPARATION: Stockard Channing recreates her role as the rich New York transfigured by a black con artist in John Guare's fine play on the theme of human interdependence.

Royal Court, Soho Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm.

THE MASTER AND MARGARITA: Crisp performances and scenic verve have earned this production of Bulgakov's cult novel a transfer from Hammersmith. The Devil causes

mayhem on a visit to Moscow. Almeida, Alameda Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Previews from Thurs, 8pm; opens July 25.

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM: Acted in a pool of mud, Robert Lepage's production is long and weary but irradiated with magical imagery.

National (Old Vic), South Bank, SE1 (071-828 2252). Wed-Next Sat, 7.15pm, mat next Sat, 8pm.

THE SOUND OF MUSIC: Nuns, Nazis, squeaky-clean tots and drops of golden sun: a sweet holiday from the real world. With Liz Robertson and Christopher Cazenove.

Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (071-278 8916). Tues-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Tues, Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm.

THE TENTH LONDON INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF STREET ENTERTAINERS: Open air jugglers, minstrels, theatre troupes, acrobats and clowns will be trying extra hard this weekend, not just to entertain you, but to catch the eye of roaming judges who will be awarding prizes for the best acts. Competition heats take place tomorrow in Golden Square, W1. Carnaby Street/Golden Square, West Soho, London W1 (071-287 0907), today and tomorrow, 11am-10pm.

A WOMAN OF NO IMPORTANCE: Philip Brook's triumphant RSC production. John Christie plays a callous aristocrat in Wilde's social melodrama laced with wit. Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm.

REGIONAL

BAGNOIR: "Nobody thought of it but me!" is the catchphrase of Denry Machin, hero of Arnold Bennett's *The Card*, set to music by Tony Hatch with Peter Duncan as the enterprising hero. Paul Kenyon directs.

Watermill, Theatre, Bognor Regis, near Newbury (0635 46044). Opens Thurs, 7.30pm; then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm. Gala performances July 28, 9.30pm.

LEEDS: Michael Cashman plays the angst-ridden hero in the regional premiere of Berlitz's social disaster comedy, *Kvetch*. Courtyard Theatre, West Yorkshire Playhouse (0532 442111). Preview Thurs, Fri, 7.45pm; then Tues, Wed, Thurs, 8pm; then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Aug 1 and 15, 4pm.

DANCE

COPPELIA: Today is the last chance to catch Australian Ballet's fine production of this quaint comedy about the strange little toymaker who believes he can bring his dolls to life. The Coppelia of the title is his favourite doll but the real stars are the lovers Franz and Swanhilda, along with old Dr Coppelia himself.

Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (071-836 3161). Today, 2.30pm and 7.30pm.

CINDERELLA: English National Ballet opens its summer season at the Festival Hall with its new acquisition, Ben Stevenson's production of Prokofiev's *Cinderella*. The humour tends towards the vulgar and the choreography lacks poetry, but some of David Walker's designs are pretty and it still a ballet to take the kids to.

Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800). Fri, next Sat 7.30pm, mat next Sat, 2.30pm.



John Tavener: the composer's new work is a highlight at the BBC Proms (see Music)

Alley in 1958 to many modern dance traditions with the expense of black America. The repertoire features works set to the music of the blues, jazz and spirituals, and can always be counted on to provide an evening of accessible entertainment. This is the company's first visit to London in almost two decades.

Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (071-836 3161). Tues, next Sat, 7.30pm, mat next Sat, 2.30pm.

ROMEO AND JULIET: Kenneth MacMillan's full-bodied staging of Shakespeare returns to the Royal Opera House for a run of performances that feature the debut of Inek Muhamedov as Romeo (Tues). The former Bolshoi star will be dancing with Viviana Durante as Juliet; theirs is one of the most successful partnerships in the Royal Ballet.

On Thursday, the French team of Sylvie Guillen and Laurent Hilaire perform the leading roles. Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (071-240 1056). Tues, Wed, Thurs, 7.30pm, next Sat, 2.30pm and 7.30pm.

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MUSIC

OPERA

ALMEIDA OPERA: Last chance to catch the two major productions of the festival, both well worth seeing. Tim Hopkins is responsible for an extremely effective staging of the late Stephen Oliver's *Mario and the Magician*, based on Thomas Mann's short story. Nigel Osborne's *Terrible Mouth* is a harrowing portrait of Goya, to a text by Robert Parker.

Leadmill, Shefford (0742 754500), today, 8.30pm. The Waterfront, Norwich (0638 766266), Mon, 7.30pm. Zap Club, Brighton (0273 674357), Tues, 8pm. University of London Union, London WC1 (071-322 5481), Wed, 7.30pm.

JAZZ

NINA SIMONE: Still basking in the glory of her re-released *My Baby Just Cares For Me*, the gifted but

temperamental singer demands

and deserves a warm welcome.

Empress Ballroom, Winter Gardens Complex, Blackpool (0253 277689), tomorrow, 8pm. Town & Country Club, London NW5 (071-284 1221), Tues, 7.30pm.

KETH JARRETT, GARY PEACOCK AND JACK DEJOHNETTE

Jarrett's sweet piano playing, Peacock's soulful bass and Dejohnette's masterfully

controlled drumming are successfully combined in a homage to Miles Davis.

Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), Mon, 7.30pm.

ROCK

DAVID BYRNE: With his latest album, *Up-Oh*, the quirky singer is back in Talking Heads territory,

though the driving Eighties sound

and oddball lyrics are now

pleasantly spiced with Latin rhythms.

Playhouse, Edinburgh (031-557 2590), Tues, 7.15pm. City Hall, Sheffield (0742 735 295), Wed, 7pm. Apollo, Manchester (061-236 9922), Thurs, 7pm.

PAVEMENT

This American band top the Nirvana mother lode with similarly grungy guitars

and strained vocals. In Norwich and Sheffield they are supported by impressive new band Bally, led by Tanya Donelly (formerly of Throwing Muses).

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CROSSING

ROYAL ALBERT HALL, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (071-823 9598).

EXHIBITIONS

THE ORDER OF MERIT: After

the Order of Merit was founded in

1902, Edward VII thought it

would be a good idea to commission

portrait drawings of all 34

original members from William

Strang. In 1988 the Queen

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different artists. With recent deaths

and replacements, the new

series now amounts to 27, and all

are on show along with four of

the original Strangs. With them is a

show of the gallery's recent

20th-century acquisitions.

National Portrait Gallery, St Martin's Place, London WC2 (071-306 0055), Mon-Fri, 10am-5pm, Sat, 10am-6pm, Sun, 2-6pm, Thurs, 2-7pm.

NOSTALGIA

ARTIFICAL EYES (15):

Tarkovsky among the Tuscan hills,

though the unquiet inner

landscape remains unaltered. Oleg

Jankowsky as a Russian

academic, Enid Josephson as the

eccentric professor he befriends.

Very beautiful, very baffling. 1983.

ROCK-A-DODDLE (U): An Elvis-

voiced rooster finds success and

strife. Inventive if overly frantic cartoon.

Director, Don Bluth. 1991.

traditionally crafted furniture. The Workshop's 30th anniversary is marked by an exhibition of commissioned pieces by Maxpiece himself and works by new graduates from Parnham College. Sotheby's (34-35 New Bond Street, London W1 (071-408 5247). Daily, 9.30am-4.30pm (Wed and Thurs to 7pm), Tues 2pm).

GEORG BASELITZ — PRINTS

1964-90: This survey of the artist

ARTS

Peak District puzzlers

Richard Morrison can see signs that the Buxton Festival may be back on top form



Agricippina (Susan Roberts) and Ottone (Timothy Wilson) in Buxton's *Agricippina*

Buxton may be the jewel of the Peak District, but it is also a baffling place. The spa town displayed admirable civic pride during the late Seventies in raising the money to restore Frank Matcham's marvellous 1903 Opera House, and then inaugurating a festival to utilise its potential. Yet the town's other architectural splendour, the once elegant Crescent, is now boarded up, falling into dilapidation and seemingly unwanted, at least by anybody with the cash to buy it.

The festival, too, has its quirks: aspects. In the early Eighties it dusted off forgotten operas and polished them to a sparkle, but standards have been erratic since. Now it has appointed Jane Glover as artistic director for 1993, but given her a one-year contract. In other words, the audience and the all-important business sponsors must immediately warm to her if this enlightened appointment is to work.

Glover is conducting this year, too; tonight she directs Rossini's *Italian Girl*. But the 1992 festival began on Wednesday with Roger Vignoles directing from the harpsi-

chord another masterpiece written for Venice: Handel's *Agricippina*.

Handel was 25 when he penned it, and clearly in a puppish high spirits. The score — immensely long, but tenderly pruned to a modest three hours by Vignoles — abounds in free-wheeling jigs, striking cross-rhythms (Handel had not then yielded to the tyranny of regular metres), brazen arias left entirely unharmonised, and in the more sober middle act, a couple of moving laments with hints of the anguish to come in music Handel would write 30 or 40 years later.

As to the plot, well, it is the old first-century Roman gang up to their convoluted tricks again: dithering Emperor Claudius; his scheming wife Agrippina; her son Nero, a peculiar child even by the standards of the day; goody-goody General Ottone; and of course the ravishing but in this opera at least not much ravished Poppea. Where would the history of opera be without them? But at least Handel found, in the libertine Grimanii, a kind of Ray Cooney of the early 18th century. He re-cast the material as a silly farce, culminating in a classic bedroom scene with Poppea's three lovers all hiding simultaneously from each other.

Chief honours must go to Susan Roberts as Agrippina: not quite monstrous enough, but certainly managing the monster vocal runs with style and accuracy. Sally Harrison enjoyed herself as Poppea, winning the night's biggest laugh for delivering an aria while dismantling one of those ridiculous cocktails that have chunks of fruit on sticks stuck in them.

The countertenor, Timothy Wilson, conveyed the requisite suffering as the saintly Ottone. Simon Chilow, shown an impressively clear tone as a minor lover; Fiona Janes sang sturdily as Nero; and Alan Ewing gradually found the right touch as the idiot Claudius. Vignoles's brisk speeds kept the show flowing: the Manchester Camerata only occasionally hit the kerb as they swerved round those unexpected corners in Handel's instrumental writing.

ARTS BRIEF

Back on his feet

JONATHAN COPE, a leading male dancer who quit the stage two years ago to pursue a business career, is returning to Covent Garden. The Royal Ballet has announced that Cope, 29, is rejoining the company as a principal dancer from the beginning of next season. His first performances at Covent Garden will be partnering Sylvie Guillem in *Swan Lake* in November and December. He will also dance Romeo with the Birmingham Royal Ballet during October.

Last chance...

TODAY'S final performance of the English Shakespeare Company's *Twelfth Night* at Richmond Theatre (081-940 0088), ends the company's latest tour. Michael Pennington's most original notion is to imagine Malvolio as a would-be censor of theatre. Subtly and sympathetically played by Timothy Davies in Basti Fawley style, this Malvolio really is revenged in the final moments.

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SATURDAY JULY 18 1992

ARTS

Sarajevo-Hollywood, via Cannes

The Serbian film director Emir Kusturica talks to Oscar Moore about his first American project

Hollywood has been a magnet for film-makers from across the globe, ever since a collection of shrewd and talented East European Jews built their early empires. Not content with discovering stars by the soda fountain at Schwab's, the moguls' talent scouts plundered and pillaged theatre companies and movie studios across Europe. They were, of course, helped by the second world war. Just as Russian pogroms helped create the studios, so German Nazism helped fill them with talent, but the lure has survived both the Bolsheviks and the Reich.

For many the lure has been best expressed in greenbacks and work schedules. Hollywood, along with Bombay and possibly Hong Kong, is a talent-hungry fiction factory where success brings the rapid rewards of riches and repeats.

But there is a secondary lure that should be called America, not Hollywood. It is the lure of a land that most Europeans see for the first time through television and on the movie screen. It is a country resonant with cinematic potential from its architecture to its landscape, from its people to its brio-a-brac.

When Billy Wilder went to Hollywood he went to make American movies and he made them better than many Americans knew how. When Wim Wenders went to America it was to make a European version of an American genre. His *Paris, Texas* was definitely American in its location and story, and entirely European in its style and pace.

It is exactly that fusion of America and Europe for which Emir Kusturica is aiming in his first big budget offshore shoot — tentatively titled *American Dreamers*. A film shot all over America, from New York to Alaska to Arizona, starring Americans (Johnny Depp, Faye Dunaway and Jerry Lewis), but made with \$1.7 million of French money, and two French producers, Claude Ossard and Yves Marmion. For all that the title may yet go (it is already the director's second, after the more alluring *Arrowhead Waltz*) it is an accurate summation of Kusturica's starting point: a dissection of the American dream by one of Europe's most remarkable talents.

Kusturica has built an extraordinary reputation on a so far tiny body of work. Emerging from Sarajevo Television, where his documentaries had provoked controversy and bans as well as plaudits and prizes, his second feature film — *When Father Was Away on Business* — snatched



Kindred spirits? Johnny Depp (left) and director Emir Kusturica on location in Arizona during the shooting of *American Dreamers*

the 1985 Cannes Palme d'Or from the fingers of far more famous rivals and catapulted him to the front rank of Europe's auteurs. Dispelling any suggestion that this was a one-off wonder, Kusturica's third film, *Time of the Gypsies*, won the 1989 Cannes Best Director prize and lodged on many critics' all-time Top Tens. On this wildy bearded Serb, having taken his Sarajevo coop, was not likely to linger on the Croisette musing his acceptance.

Kusturica accepted an invitation to teach a film course at Columbia University and began, at the same time, to put his own American dream under scrutiny. "The American dream is the dream of everyone in the Western civilisation to have a car, a little money and a house. But when I was living in America for two years, I found that America itself was very different. People are unhappy and much poorer than I expected. There is a problem then, because in destroying the illusion of the American dream you are destroying part of your youth, a childhood spent watching movies."

Still in love with a land that has "the biggest sky and the nicest clouds in the world," Kusturica wrestled with feelings of betrayal, disappointment, and admiration for a people who in the face of all disasters keep "having a nice day". "They have to. They cannot allow themselves to be despondent; have a nice day, have a nice weekend, have a nice night. It is extremely difficult to maintain." And

all the time he was looking for the kernel of his next movie.

"If you live somewhere for two years, especially in the States, you think about the movie that you would like to do there. This film is a product of living in the States and being stupid and courageous enough to go into American production."

More specifically the film is a product of Kusturica's spell at Columbias. One of the director's students, David Atkins, gave him a script to read that contained a "little piece about a young boy who didn't know what to do with his life. Somehow I was interested in exploring the declining empire of the car industry in the States because America is always a little money and a house. But when I was living in America for two years, I found that America itself was very different. People are unhappy and much poorer than I expected. There is a problem then, because in destroying the illusion of the American dream you are destroying part of your youth, a childhood spent watching movies."

In Hollywood such antics are generally called "creative differences" and lead to the departure of the intemperate director. In France, however, the director has the "droit moral" on his side, protecting his vision, and his French backers indulged their man, agreeing to his conditions and coaxing him back to work. The fact that each of his stars refused to continue under any other director helped his case. It was also a measure of the respect Kusturica had discovered in his collaborators.

In Depp he found a son-brother, a fellow child of the "post-punk generation". But in Dunaway Kusturica was facing one of the most difficult Hollywood creations: the diva who

has had it all and whose legend has outlasted her commercial supremacy.

"To understand Mrs Dunaway is actually not very easy," admits Kusturica. "I didn't have clashes with her, but hers is a kind of method acting which is not co-acting. That's the problem with Hollywood."

"She represented that in the beginning, but we overcame that problem together. I said to her that this is a movie where all the people must act with each other all the time. If you are scared or insecure, just let me know. And she let me know. She will be very good in the movie."

With the notable exception of Scorsese's *King of Comedy*, Jerry Lewis has barely been seen on the American screen in the past ten years. But for Kusturica, Lewis was almost like America itself — a vision he had cherished as a child that he was suddenly seeing in close-up. The difference was that Lewis did not disillusion him.

"I had heard a lot of bad things about Jerry, but they must have been lies. For me Jerry Lewis was crazy. He was extremely pleased because I was laughing at what he did, but at the same time I had to control him, because in this movie he is dying and he has many very serious scenes. He is a very good actor."

The reason that the cast is so eclectic somehow relates to the States and even to the movies: to things like Jerry's comedies and to *Bonnie and Clyde*. You cannot be original, coming from Sarajevo to the States."

Transplanted to Arizona to learn

OPERA: NEW YORK

Meeting of minds over a 50-year gap

ROBERT WILSON has met his match. The iconoclastic stage designer and director from Texas, best known for imposing his abstract, sometimes absurdist style on the standard works of the opera repertory, has found a more appropriate vehicle for his bold theatrical vision in *Dr Faustus Lights the Lights*, an opera-libretto-without-a-score by Gertrude Stein.

Stein used the invention of the lightbulb as a unifying metaphor to explore, if so conventional a word applies, the Faust legend. It is doubtful whether Kit Marlowe or Goethe would recognise the story as scripted by Stein and staged by Wilson: the title role is played by three performers, one of whom waltzes with Mephisto; a dog, played by a pony-tailed woman in a dark suit, says "Thank you"; and an eight-foot-tall man in a white dress and red wig lumbers about, threatening the other characters with a scythe.

The play is far from top-notch Stein — the incantatory repetitions frequently seem merely repetitious, and there is no emotional core to anchor the piece — but it is certainly diverting theatre as performed by the members of the Hebbel Theatre of Berlin. These attractive young actors speak their English-language lines with accents that are sometimes so heavy that one wonders whether they understand what they are saying (literally poetic justice, perhaps, for all the mangling German young American singers in recent years); but it seems a deliberate ploy on the direc-

tor's part to further abstract Stein's Cubist language.

As is his wont, Wilson creates a phantasmagoric series of tableaux: windows appear and disappear, lightbulbs descend from the flies and flicker in sympathy with the stage action, a marionette is murdered. At just 90 minutes, *Dr Faustus Lights the Lights* is a satisfying evening, free of the entrap that so often accompanies Robert Wilson's productions. Yet the 50-year-old play's pretensions to being quite avant-garde and daring are quaint indeed, and even some of Wilson's eccentricities are beginning to wear thin: the strange little hand gestures, a trademark now seem pointless.

The piece succeeds be-

cause when it treats the material of an opera. The recorded score by Hans Peter Kuhn is written in a minimalist idiom that is strongly reminiscent of the work of Wilson's occasional collaborator, Philip Glass.

There is one lovely moment

when an absurd phrase is chanted with great seriousness by a young woman, accompanied only by pizzicato strings and a whistling chorus. For once the stage action is stilled to allow the music some breathing room, and it soars, indisputably as much an aria as anything by Verdi.

JAMIE JAMES



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All roads, it seems, eventually lead to Bob Dylan. This was the Northern Sinfonia's first visit to this most commercially minded of nations, and its true purpose was made clear when Paul Nicholson, chairman of the Tyne and Wear Development Corporation, which sponsored the tour, pleaded with the local industrial worthies at a reception after a concert in the city of Nagoya, a hundred minutes by "bullet train" west of Tokyo, to set up their European shops in the north-east of England.

Heinrich Schiff, the Sinfonia's conductor, and his charges had just had to face a sparse and unenthusiastic, if polite, audience in the acoustically unfriendly Kohsei

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In Japan, Rodney Milnes sees the Royal Opera triumph, while Stephen Pettitt

(below) tours with the Northern Sinfonia

package — at seat prices comparable to those at Covent Garden — indicates the insensitivity of the appetite.

The Royal Opera was not displeased to be the first: indeed, there is nothing like experiencing a prophet-in-another-country tour to assess the status of a company. Japanese impresarios know what they want and can be decidedly firm about casting, which is where record-industry pressures come in: there were one or two deviations from Covent Garden's line-up.

Sasakai obviously wants the Germans and Austrians to perform Wagner and Strauss, the Italians to bring Rossini and Verdi; for him the Royal Opera's selling-point to local audiences is the quality of their ensemble, and it seems to have worked. Advance sales for Figaro and Giovanni were in excess of 90 per cent. After the first night of Giovanni on July 9, attended by the viola-playing chamber-music expert Crown Prince Naruhito, the operaphile Hirota Higuchi, president of the tour's chief sponsors, Asahi

beer, had gained greatly in assurance and vocal pungency since he sang the role in London, was rightly engulfed in a storm of applause at the curtain calls. And "undemonstrative" is not the word.

Demanda for more calls threatened to disrupt the royal progress on stage after Giovanni.

The effect of all this on the company coming to the end of a long, exhausting and on the whole successful London season was a joy to behold. Here, at least, they knew their strengths and special qualities were being appreciated, not just by audiences but by promoters and sponsors (RTZ, the other main supporter, threw a lavish party for them).

The best moment came at an NBC reception on July 12, when Asahi's Higuchi, still on an infectious operatic high, interrupted scripted pleasantries to announce that his company would be making a substantial donation to the ROH Development Management.

Management jaws dropped, many a hand was warmly shaken. How different, how very different, from the way this artistic prophet and prime cultural ambassador is treated by its paymasters in its own country.

Audience reaction on both evenings was riveting. I had been warned that the Japanese tended to be serious, polite but undemonstrative, but this was not altogether the case. Serious, yes, and quiet as mice.

Polite, yes, but not undiscriminating: they know quality

Nenkin Kaikan, where I caught up with the orchestra halfway through its tour. That particular experience had been fairly typical, and unsurprisingly the playing was by now showing signs of flagging spirits.

For instance, Haydn's D major Cello Concerto, played and directed by Schiff, seemed at times heavily phrased, and Bartók's Divertimento sounded slightly tame. But with a fresher wind section, Schubert's Fifth Symphony was true to the music's verdant spirit.

More or less the same conditions prevailed in the

Bite the bullet train

far-flung Tokyo suburb of Machida two nights later. Schiff brought his players off the platform without even thinking about giving the customary encore.

Y et there was a gem here, a remarkably intense performance of Schnittke's Concerto Grosso No 1, a strangely powerful, dark work which parodies Bach and Vivaldi's Viennese waltz and Spanish tango. The violin soloists, Paul Barritt and Lesley Hatfield, warmed to their task undisturbed even by the snapping of Hatfield's E string at a crucial moment.

when they see it, and Lucio Gallo's remarkable Figaro, for instance, which had gained

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A slightly careful account of Mozart's Symphony No 40 ended this concert: the same piece, given now with more urgency, closed the tour on a high note in Tokyo's impressive Suntory Hall. Finally, in the presence of Japan's crown prince, the Sinfonia sensed a real occasion and rose to its best form, responding equally to the lovely acoustic and to a large and genuinely enthusiastic audience. Schiff played the Haydn with more grace than before, while the Schnittke reached yet deeper regions of conscience. It was a fitting leave-taking by a first-rate ensemble, that deserves not to be taken lightly by anyone, at home or abroad.

STEPHEN PETTITT

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FOOD AND DRINK

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Say cheese, and Pugson smiles

Peter Pugson is carving out his future as a grocer with a style of service from the past. Fiona Beckett reports

Festival-goers in Buxton, Derbyshire, to sample the delights of Handel's *Arianna* and the county's youth wind band over the next fortnight can add an unscheduled event to their programme: a visit to Pugson's, the cheesemonger, wine merchant and purveyor of fine foods.

Pugson's is not just a shop but a shopping experience. You do not pop in merely to buy Sturminster Cheddar or Buxton Blue, but to enjoy the company of Peter Pugson (Pugson to his friends), sometime chef, waiter, hotel manager and barman.

Mr Pugson believes in old-fashioned service. He greets customers by name, enquires about their health, wealth and happiness; charms grandmas, beams amiably at children and addresses all and sundry on the subject of cheese.

Cheese is Mr Pugson's passion; he prods and pats it lovingly. His may not be the biggest cheese selection in Britain, but it must be one of the best. There is the local Buxton Blue, orange-marbled and softer than Stilton but full of flavour; and Sage Derby, with its brilliant green veins; traditional cloth-wrapped Red Leicester from Mrs Butler of Inglewhite, Lancashire, and intensely creamy farmhouse Lancashire from Mrs Kirkham of Goosnargh; and 18-month matured Cheddar from the Sturminster Newton Dairy, Dorset, a real taste of the past.

There is Brie de Meaux, caught at the peak of perfection; Pont l'Évêque, Farmhouse Roquefort and Mont des Cats, made by Trappist monks. There, too, are ranks of obscure cow's and goat's milk cheeses: St Georges, St Marcel, St Felicien.

Customers not only get a choice of cheese, they can say how they want it: they can buy Jumbies (the local goat's cheese) one week old, light and crumbly fresh, or wait a few weeks longer until much of the moisture has evaporated, leaving the delicate flavour enhanced but not overpowering.

"About 65 per cent of a cheese's quality is in the ripening," Mr Pugson says, "it's far more important than pasteurisation. Cheese is a product of the soil. At Duckett's farm in Somerset, where we get our Casterbridge, more than 70 different varieties of grass and flora have been identified; a wonderful mélange of flavours that work their way into the milk. Pasteurisation would kill all those flavours."

Mr Pugson developed his passion for cheese in France during a stint in the kitchens of Roger Vergé, a leading chef whose wines, oils and herbs he stocks. He intended to be a solicitor, but it didn't work. "A friend told me, 'You have to accept you'd be a lousy lawyer, but you're very good at serving

Pugson's Derbyshire potted ham

(serves 8-10)

1lb/450g good quality ham; two-thirds meat to fat (the fat is crucial, leftover ham on the bone is ideal)

1 mild-flavoured medium onion

1 tsp ground mace

freshly ground pepper

4-5fl oz cognac

handful of parsley

4oz/250g butter

Remove the fat and chop the ham into chunks. Chop the onion finely in a food processor. Save half the chopped

KIND FOOD: ALISON JOHNSON

Going nicely nutty

ANIMALS are what they eat, which explains the sickly smell of proprietary animal feed emanating from many an oven at Sunday lunchtime.

The average roasting joint is from an animal bred for early growth, and too young to have much flavour (hence a chicken can taste of the fishmeal on which it is fed).

Full organic production costs more, but if the price is out of your reach, the high-welfare ranges at the supermarket are a midway option. If in doubt, there is one rule of thumb: the cut of meat that costs you less costs the animal more.

Lamb is the only animal of which this is not entirely true. So far, mercifully, trials in rearing sheep intensively indoors have not been overly successful. Virtually all lamb has been suckled for the first month or so of life, and has grown to marketable size on pasture.

So if you hesitate over the free-range mark-up and the kindest cut to choose for a Sunday joint, go for lamb.

Here, however, is a recipe for my favourite roast — nuts. Vegetarians are frequently mocked to screaming point about a predilection for nut roast, but what's so funny about it? It is lovely stuff, and infinitely variable, depending on the type of nut you use, and seasonings.

If you do not mill the nuts

people, so I went into the hotel business."

He had four happy years

working in London at the Savoy and Claridges, where he was night duty manager. Finally, after jobbing around France and Switzerland, he opened a cheese and wine shop in Wardswood Bridge Road, west London, which he ran until he was squeezed out by soaring rents.

With his move to Buxton

four years ago, closer to his main suppliers, he also went back to his roots (he was born in nearby Stoke-on-Trent). It was a success from day one, he says. "Everyone said, I

wouldn't make any money in

Buxton but I took the same

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Pugson's is warm and wel-

coming. Packets of pasta spill

out of the artfully opened

drawers of an old pine dress-

er, the shelves of which carry a

range of brightly coloured

jams and pickles. Bacon is

sliced to order.

Mr Pugson has developed

his range to combat the attrac-

tions of the supermarkets, for

whom he has few kind words.

Wines are idiosyncratic: the

cheap end from small south-

ern French producers, the top

end a highly personal selection

of *cru Beaujolais*.

Ham is cut from the bone,

pâtés are home-made, quiches

and fresh fruit tarts are made

to French recipes, tarte tatin,

its sweetness impeccably cut by

lemon, is made 2in deep.

Mr Pugson's smoked mackerel pâté, zapped up Keith

Floyd-style with a slosh of

sherry, is 85p a 4lb; what you

would pay in a supermarket.

His cheeses are sometimes

cheaper. Granted, Buxton

Blue is made locally, but he

could easily get away with

more than the £2.80 a lb he

charges (about 40p less than

in supermarkets). At £2.60 a lb

his Stilton and Cheddar are a

snip. "The public really don't

know the cost of the food they

buy," he says. "They go where

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Boardroom monkey business

Angela Wigglesworth visits a zoo taking expert advice from its junior directors

When Michael and Kitty Ann, the owners of Drusillas in Alfriston, East Sussex, wrote in their house magazine, *Penguin Post*, that they were planning to start a junior board of directors, letters of application from children aged between eight and 12 poured in.

"Dear Kitty Ann. My name is David. I am 11... I have seen many changes at Drusillas since 1984 and I think most have been for the better, though I miss the fruit-eating bat..."; "Dear Mrs Ann, I think it would be good fun to think up ideas to make Drusillas even better and I would do my best to be helpful. Emily (8)"; "Dear Kitty Ann, I have lots of suggestions for the park's future... I am also told I am good at criticising. Yours faithfully, Greg (12)."

Mrs Ann explained how the idea developed. "When our two daughters were young, they'd always told us what they thought about our ideas for the zoo, but when they were 13 and 15 years old we realised they were too old to give us this kind of feedback. As much of Drusillas is aimed at the child visitor, we decided our best consultants would be children."

Making the final choice for the board from the many letters they received was difficult. "Children had to prove they were really keen and felt they could help us," says Mr Ann, whose father started Drusillas in the 1920s. "If mum wrote the letter and said that her little Johnny was absolutely wonderful, and was going to be a zoologist, that letter went straight into the bin. We wanted to hear from children themselves and it finally boiled down to the originality of their ideas."

Most of the 16 boys and girls chosen live in Sussex, but others come from London and Kent to attend the board meetings, held three times a year during the school holidays. The youngest board member is eight, and retirement age is 13, when the director receives a letter of appreciation and, of course, a watch, fancy and fashionably rather than gold.

Last year Drusillas, which attracts some 300,000 visitors every year, won an award from the English Tourist Board for the "Best Family Welcome of the Year" and was Egon Ronay's "UK Family Restaurant of the Year". Both awards, Mr and Mrs Ann feel, were due in no small way to the ideas produced by their junior board.

Mr Ann, chairman, has an elected boy and girl as joint vice-chairpersons. "At meetings we take the directors on a tour of the zoo to show them what we've done since the last meeting," he says. "Then we go to the boardroom and have an agenda with apologies for absence, minutes of the last meeting and matters arising, I give a report on what's been going on; Kitty, the secretary, talks about PR and advertising, and then we have suggestions from the board."

The meetings seem to be productive sessions, although one ended, according to the minutes, when "the discussion deteriorated so badly it was decided to adjourn for the directors' lunch". This would no doubt begin with a muddy puddle or jungle juice cocktail devised, of course, by the board.

Many of their ideas have been implemented: for example, half portions for children from the adult menu, rather than a separate children's menu, and coloured crayons on each restaurant table and white paper tablecloths on which children can play games and draw pictures. There is also a new play area for toddlers, and when board member Kimberley, who is physically handicapped, said she could not see the porcupines from her wheelchair because the barrier was too high, this and all the others in the zoo were lowered. Thanks to Sarah, who is partially sighted, the signs in the zoo have been printed in larger letters. And it was Kimberley and Fay, also physically handicapped, who suggested children in wheelchairs should be able to ride on the little train that chugs through the park. Now there is a special carriage for this purpose.

The board's new ideas have cost the Anns about £5,000 to implement but they feel they are well worth it. Not every suggestion can be taken up, though. One boy wanted a bat enclosure but there wasn't the money to make one. Mrs Ann suggested he write to possible sponsors, which he did, but without success.

"If we can't do something, we always explain why," Mr Ann says.

"This way they learn a lot about the way a business works. They learn, too, to have an opinion. They have to ask themselves: What do I really think about that? They then get ideas of their own and when they go to another attraction, they're looking at everything with a much more critical and inquisitive eye."

Mrs Ann adds: "They may be shy

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Tied up in a meeting: Drusillas Zoo Park's youthful executives keep the ring-tailed lemurs on their toes

to put up suggestions at first, but they are soon bubbling over with ideas. And they certainly grow in confidence. I think one of the reasons is that they're listened to and they know that their opinions mean something to an adult."

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- It's map: From today, quiz sheets for children aged seven to 14, helping them to look for and at paintings which show clever illusions or magical occurrences. Coincidental magic shows with the Great Xar to come in August. National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, London WC2 (071-839 3521). Daily, 10am-6pm, until Sept 6. Price Quizzes from the Sainsbury Wing information desk.
 - Trike summer shows and workshops with range of holiday activities, from music, drama, and pantomime workshops to games and story-telling. Pre-booking essential. Tricycle Theatre, 269 Kilburn High Road, London NW6 (071-328 1000), Tuesday to Aug 7.
 - Tenth annual London International Street Entertainer of the Year Award at the London Palladium, Argyl Street, tomorrow, 7pm. Golden Square and the streets of West Soho, London W1. Today, tomorrow 11am-1pm. Tickets from the Palladium box office (071-494 5058).
 - Lambeth country show: Family event with farm animals, vintage fun-fair, music, dance, crafts. Brockwell Park, Herne Hill, London SW9. Today, tomorrow, 9.30am-7pm.



Magical experience: the Great Xar

- Beaulieu village fete: Annual fund-raising event for the church with stalls, competitions, games and prizes. Beaulieu Palace House, Beaulieu, Hampshire. Today, 2-5pm.
- Billingham Beck celebrates: Join waddens to celebrate the first anniversary of the country park. Take picnic lunch for noon which will be followed by guided walks, children's crafts and family games. Billingham Beck Country Park and Ecology Park, nr Billingham, Cleveland (0642 530784). Tomorrow, noon-4pm.
- Burwash open-air theatre: Take older children and a picnic to Ruyard Kipling's erstwhile home and watch Senlac Theatre's production of Charles Dickens's *Hard Times*. Bateman's, Burwash, Etchingham, East Sussex (0892 891001). Today, tomorrow, 7.30pm. £3 seats, £6.50 grass.
- Dundee at play: Mini-Highland Games for under-14s, with a pipe band, Highland dancers, and other diversions. Crombie Country Park, Dundee (024 16360). Today, 2-5pm. Registration from 1pm.
- Shugborough Goose Fair: Costumed characters, entertainers, and period events to recreate an 1820 fair. Shugborough Park Farm, Shugborough, Milford, near Stafford (089 881388). Tomorrow, 11am-5pm. £3, child £2.
- Wheatley welcomes Art In Action: Excellent art and craft fair with demonstrations from all over the world. Practical classes. Waterperry House, nr Wheatley, Oxfordshire. Today, tomorrow, 10.30am-4pm. £7, student £5, child £3.50. under-six, free.

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Lot's lavender hills



Buyer's France

NORTHERN LOT

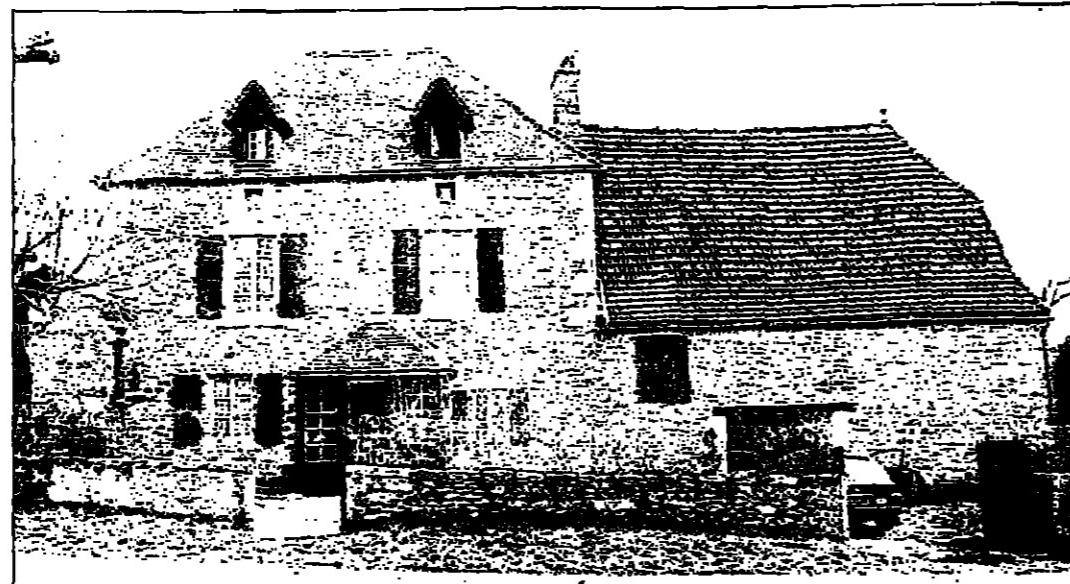
In a peaceful hamlet in the northern Lot, not far from the hillside pilgrimage village of Rocamadour, the large stone house pictured here is on offer for £53,500 (including agency fees).

The property, set in a part-walled garden of a third of an acre, stands on the village green. The views from the back of the house extend over rolling green countryside where sheep graze. It is a 15-minute walk from the railway station at Padirac, with trains to Paris (six hours), or two hours' drive from the airport at Toulouse and nine hours from Calais.

The three-storey stone house has been restored and modernised by its British owners. It has two reception rooms with a huge open fireplace and *souterrain* (vaulted alcove) originally used as a small chapel; bedroom with en-suite bath; modernised fitted kitchen/breakfast room; and a utility room with washing machine. On the first floor there are two bedrooms with built-in wardrobes and a bathroom, with another two bedrooms and a playroom above. The property is on sale through Barbers, 427-429 North End Road, Fulham, London SW6 (071-381 0112).

The northern Lot has stunning scenery, similar to the more dramatic parts of the Dordogne, the neighbouring *département* to the north, with spectacular gorges, impressive rock formations and prehistoric caves. Property prices, however, are still far lower than in many parts of the Dordogne, although they are rising as British buyers increasingly move south into Lot to find better value.

The region is hilly, with high, lavender-covered limestone plateaux and blue-green valleys criss-crossed by rivers and planted with vines and tobacco, as well as orchards of cherry, peach and plum. The Dordogne river offers plenty of opportunities for swimming and canoeing from small sandy beaches. There is good riding and walking, and many excellent restaurants. Rocamadour, tucked under a cliff, is pretty but full of tourists. Less touristy Loubressac is an interesting old hill



Prayers answered: British owners are selling this renovated stone house with a small chapel space

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town; St Cére has delightful half-timbered houses and Souillac, on the Dordogne, boasts a 12th-century domed church with wonderful Romanesque sculptures.

Property prices in the area start at £10,000 for an old stone barn overgrown with apple trees. Village houses, with two or three bedrooms, in reasonable condition, can be found for £25,000 upwards.

Country houses on an acre or two needing complete renovation cost from £50,000.

Other British agents with associates in the northern Lot include Silex, Phoenix House, 86 Fulham High Street, London SW6 (071-584 1200), and Property France, Portway, Wantage, Oxfordshire (0235 772211).

NORTH and west of the Dordogne, the Charente, unscarred by motorways and tourist hordes, has a strong supply of stone cottages. Prices are half those in some parts of the Dordogne; £60,000 is the top rate, and there is plenty for less

than £20,000. The area around Barbezieux in the southern Charente — cognac country — is dotted with famous vineyards, pretty churches and peaceful medieval villages. The run-down *maison bourgeoise* and former distillery pictured below is a few miles from the old town of Barbezieux. Bordeaux airport is about an hour's drive, and the ferry port of Caen (Quimper) can be reached in five hours.

The old stone house, priced at £27,000, needs updating, including rewiring and replumbing, but it offers good potential. To the rear is a large stone barn for conversion, stables and a distillery with all the equipment for cognac production. The price includes a two-roomed cottage opposite the property, and 2.5 acres of land.

The French agent is Agence Sud Charente, Place de l'Hôpital, 16360 Baigts (010 33 45 78 42 42), or contact Western France Properties, 70 Brewer Street, London W1 (071-734 9002).

Nearby, £39,000 (including agency fees) will buy the fully renovated grape picker's cottage in the small picture above, with beautiful, far-reaching views over the surrounding countryside. The three-bedroom property has an attached garden/store room and a quarter of an acre of garden.

Contact La Collection Française, 66 High Street, Manton, Marborough, Wiltshire (0672 516266).

CHERYL TAYLOR

Home-made: this old house comes with its own cognac distillery

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Drinker-friendly: Paul Bowker of Christie's wine department dispels the "intimidation factor"

Lots of vintage fun

In the 1980s the best wine-growing regions of France produced exceptional vintages in record volumes. The demand was such that sellers dominated the market for most of the decade, and pushed prices up and up.

Today buyers enjoy the upper hand, making the most of the best opportunity in ten years to buy decent wine at reasonable prices. Fortunately, there are still large quantities of good quality 1980s wine coming on the market.

The difficulty for most private buyers is locating these new "bargain" stocks before the retail trade moves in. The answer is remarkably simple. Try buying your wine at auction and cut out the middleman's mark-up. Serious collectors and traders have profited by using auctions for more than 200 years, but now growing numbers of private purchasers are getting in on the act.

"There are, without doubt, a lot of new people coming through the auction rooms now, especially younger people," says Serena Sutcliffe, head of Sotheby's wine department. "Ten years ago these buyers might have thought that buying at auction was too grand for them. But they've realised there are masses of bargains to be had."

Paul Bowker, deputy director of Christie's wine department, believes that there is still an "intimidation factor" that prevents many first-time buyers from attending auctions. "Ordinary members of the public tend to read reports in the press of some exceptional, rare wines being sold for perhaps £1,000 a bottle, but remain unaware that in most sales most of the wine sold averages between £7 and £10 a bottle."

The first-growth (*1er cru classe*) wines from the Bordeaux region's great châteaux, Lafite, Latour and Mouton Rothschild plus a dozen or so others, remain unsurpassed as

Private buyers are discovering the pleasure of bidding for wine at auctions

the world's greatest wines. The best bargains are to be found among the young wines of Bordeaux, from the 1979-1987 vintages. Most beginners start by investing in the less expensive fourth and fifth class growths and the *cru bourgeois* wines (from a sort of second-division château), but still a very good quality wine.

Some auctions include selections of vintage port or rare old Scotch whiskies. Notice of forthcoming sales and catalogues, which cost on average £5, are available on application from each auction house. Once in possession of a catalogue, any individual can become an absentee bidder and join the auction with a "commission bid". Many private buyers prefer to use this method, and in some sales up to 50 per cent of the wine is sold to these home-based speculators.

To place a commission bid, make a selection from the catalogue — each lot is described and numbered and is always followed by an estimate of what it is likely to fetch in the sale — and phone or fax your top bid.

Matthew Smith, head of the wine department at Bonhams, urges buyers to be bold. "Part of the fun is to experience new sensations and broaden the palate. I believe that every wine, from the humblest supermarket plonk to the truly great vintages, has a role to play."

"In general, though, I would go for a *petit château* or *cru bourgeois*, something like a four or five-year-old Château Cissac or a Château de St Pez. You could probably secure a

dozen bottles of St Pez 1985 for as little as £50. Also some of the white burgundy. The 1986-9 season, for example, produced some wonderful chablis that is drinkable now and represents remarkable value."

Mr Bowker cites the 1982 vintage again. "I would tip a *cru bourgeois*, Château Chasse Spleen. To my mind this should be a classic growth claret, but it isn't, and you can expect to pay about £12 a bottle for the 1982, which makes an interesting comparison with the Mouton Rothschild of the same vintage which would make between £800 and £1,000 a dozen at auction."

There are five basic rules for a novice bidder:

- Get hold of the sale catalogue as far in advance of the auction as possible and take time to study it dispassionately.

- Make a note of the estimate price and try to avoid lots with a small dagger in the margin (indicating that value-added tax is payable at 17.5 per cent no bidder, no VAT).

- Before setting out, write down the amount you are prepared to bid and resolve to go no higher.

- Before the auction take advice from a member of the wine department about your selected lot. Find out as much as you can about its condition, how it has been kept and so on.

- Be of all attend the pre-sale tasting. Production of the catalogue will normally secure entry. After all, in the final analysis, your tastebuds are your true guide.

GRAHAM BALL

Christie's Wine Department, King Street, London SW1 (071-839 9060). Next sale July 16; end of season sale July 30. Sotheby's Wine Department offices and warehouse, 5 Albion Wharf, London SW11 (071-924 3287). Next sale July 14. Bonhams Wine Department, Montpelier Street, Knightsbridge, London SW1 (071-584 9161). Next sale, September.

Laura Bacall shops here, so do Frank Sinatra, Meryl Streep, Dustin Hoffman, Jack Palance and Ronald Reagan. However, the rich and famous are not the only people who buy their stationery at Smythson of Bond Street. Anybody who likes to make his or her mark — literally — on their personal correspondence should do so.

Propositions, threats, invitations and proposals have been issued in style since the business was established in 1887, and the company retains its seal of royal approval by supplying the Queen with stationery.

Smythson works hard at retaining the qualities for which it is famous — personal service, elegant surroundings and high standards of workmanship. Yet it is also responding to today's retailing demands by revamping its shop interior and introducing up-beat new products to its range.

Although all kinds of weaves, colours and sizes appeal to modern tastes, traditional Smythson blue remains the most popular writing paper and is distinguished, like all Smythson papers, by an exclusive watermark.

In the late 1880s, Frank Smythson, the company's founder, introduced the first "portable" diary — an innovative, quarter-inch-thick volume containing blue featherweight paper rather than conventional thick white pages. These days, the shop stocks an unrivalled choice of diaries in various colours and sizes.

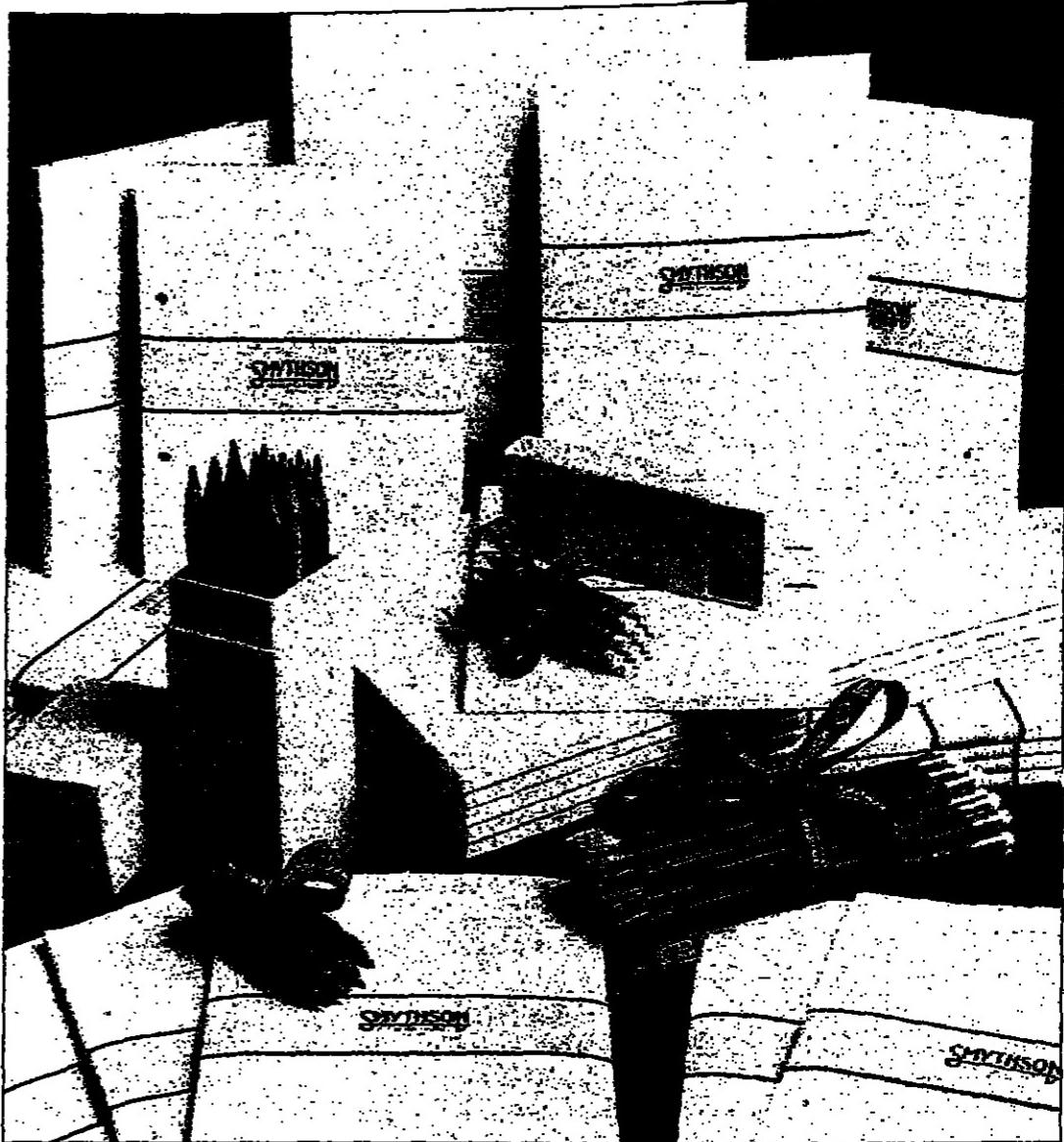
The company has been part of John Menzies Group since the early 1960s, but the acquisition never diminished the cachet of shopping at Smythson, as the sympathetic new owners refrained from interfering with the shop's characteristic image.

Smythson's chairman, Dermot Jenkinson, who is a board member of John Menzies, explains that consumer demand rather than a management directive has triggered the recent changes. "It's all very well being a traditional business, but we felt that Smythson was becoming too much of a well-kept secret," he says.

Moving with the times has meant redesigning the interior of

Stars join the paper chase

Nicole Swengley
writes on stylish
stationery from
Bond Street



Colourful wording Smythson's range includes writing-paper and envelopes in every conceivable colour

the shop in the style of an English country-house library. Hand-made cabinets with brass fittings display leather-bound blank-page books, diaries, picture frames and writing-cases, while tapestry-covered chairs, table lamps and library steps add to the unhurried air of a comfortable reading room. This new layout has also trebled the shop's selling space.

"In the past Smythson had a slightly forbidding image," Mr Jenkinson says. "The old interior was rather stark for the kind of stationery, leather goods and diaries we sell. People used to take a quick look inside and leave. Now they are happy to browse."

One of the best new lines is the re-introduction of the Bijou range of

miniature accessories, which is proving as popular as it was in the 1930s. Leather-covered items such as travel mirrors and earring boxes — all less than 3in long — come in seven different colours and cost between £6 and £40.

Colourful plain or hand-bordered writing paper, with matching tissue-lined envelopes, comes in every imaginable shade and costs from £7.50 to £25.95 for ten sheets.

The company prides itself on meeting unusual requests, such as hand-engraved visiting cards printed from copperplate for a customer's dog, party invitations for a cat's birthday, and a press-cuttings book for a submarine.

Perhaps the most chic special

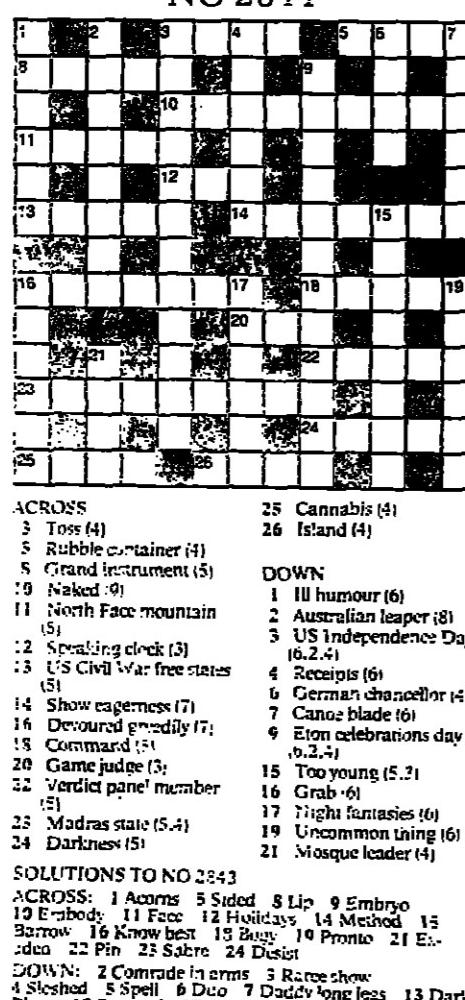
order has been for hand-bordered writing paper and tissue-lined envelopes in beige and burgundy, produced for a special stationery compartment built into a turbo-charged Bentley. The beige matched the hide upholstery and the burgundy was mixed to complement the coachwork.

As Mr Jenkinson says: "There aren't many places you can go in London where you can walk in and ask for the most outrageous things to be made."

• Smythson of Bond Street, 44 New Bond Street, London W1 (071-629-8555). Mail order catalogue available. Shop-within-a-shop at Harvey Nichols, Knightsbridge, London SW1 (071-253 5000).

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BBC1

6.45 Open University (78937628)
8.50 Playdays (s) (3569074) 9.10 News and weather (8784155)
9.15 Telling Tales, Noah and the Ark. Last in the series (r) (1362587)
9.30 This is the Day. Linda Mary Evans joins Ian Hayden for prayer at his home as he prepares to compete in the Paralympic Games (77600)
10.00 Film Extra: Spain on a Plate. Maria Jose Sevilla samples the food of Galicia (r) (45141) 10.30 Great Expectations. Bridget Lamour examines women's influence on the art scene (r) (45513)
11.00 Business Law. The law of the market place. Engineering
Engineering puzzles (3962635) 11.30 Cartoons (8616)
12.00 The Bat, the Cat and the Penguin. A behind-the-scenes look at the making of the film Batman Returns (s) (32093)
12.30 Countryfile. How a 17th-century farmhouse was transplanted from Worcestershire to the Blue Ridge Mountains in Virginia (7651600). Wales: Farming in Wales 12.55 Weather (70945703)
1.00 News (23121345) 1.10 High Chapparal. Venerable western drama series (8732567) 1.50 Cartoon (15328432)
2.00 Endemers. Omnibus edition (r). (Ceefax) (s) (95600)
3.00 Elephants (Ceefax) (s) (4203)
3.30 Film: The (1978). Jennifer Gibon in the unlikely role of a mentally retarded labourer who is befriended by a middle-aged businesswoman. Directed by Michael Apted (620957)
5.20 Survivors: A New View of Us — Seagull Story. A bird's-eye view of the beaches of southern Britain and the Portuguese coast as a young gull migrates to Morocco. (Ceefax) (r) (8067451)
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above amateur chef finalists: Martha, Vanessa and Linda (5.50pm)
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area • CHOICE: We are left to draw our own conclusions as to whether with or not it is significant that all three finalists in this British grand prix for amateur chefs are (a) women and (b) come from the north of England. What really matters, in any case, is whether it is Linda and her fillet of lamb, or Martha, and her pan-fried breast of quail. Sir Clement Freud, former MP and noted gourmet, and Richard Shepherd of Langan's celebrated brasserie, fork and spoon into the competing dishes with their fellow judge Loyd Grossman, and they find hardly anything to fault with in any of them. Nothing, it seems, will ever stop Mr Grossman saying things like "optimism" and "longing", but he ought to have learned by now how to pronounce tagliatelle. (Ceefax) (1929871)
6.25 News with Moira Sturz. Weather (891500)
6.40 Titchmarsh on Song. Alan Titchmarsh continues his nationwide musical pilgrimage. (Ceefax) (s) (724123)
7.15 Strathblair. Final episode of the Scottish drama series set in the 1950s. (Ceefax) (s) (595432)
8.05 Shadows of the Heart. The conclusion of the two-part series about forbidden love on a remote Pacific island in the 1920s. (Ceefax) (s) (70207529)
9.40 News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Weather (902161)
9.55 Porridge starring Ronnie Barker (r). (Ceefax) (543432)
10.25 Heart of the Matter: A Time to Live, a Time to Die.
• CHOICE: John Balewell has made a careful journey through an emotional minefield. She examines the moral and medical — and most of all, parental — dilemmas that must be faced when children have a life-threatening illness and decisions have to be made as to whether everything medically possible should be done by parents and doctors to prolong life, whether further treatment should be withheld, or whether the children themselves should be encouraged to help make a valid choice between death or a painful life. Examples of all three options are examined tonight, as is a possible fourth alternative — the selection of a child's advocate, an independent arbitrator who stands outside the crisis (672242). Northern Ireland: The Championship
11.00 Knight and Daye. American comedy series (235987)
11.25 Golf: Open Championship. Highlights of the final round (99-1600)
12.05 The Sky at Night. Patrick Moore, Dr John Mason and Professor Susan McKenna-Lawlor discuss comets (5824074). Northern Ireland: Heart of the Matter 12.40 The Sky at Night
12.25 Weather (980-331)

BBC2

6.35 Open University: Maths: Hunting the Hump 7.00 Modern Art: Leger 7.25 Aspects of Effectiveness 7.50 Culture and Belief in Europe 1450-1600 8.15 Physiology: Swimming in Fish 8.40 Cast in the Right Mould 9.05 Designs for Living 9.30 Stand by your Banner! 9.55 A Day in the Life 10.20 The Clinical Psychologist 10.45 Physics: Molecules at Large 11.10 Information Technology 11.35 Organic Chemistry: Large-Scale Production (27299109)
12.00 Regional Westminster Programmes (30635). Northern Ireland:
12.30 Grandstand introduced by Steve Rider from Muirfield. The line-up is subject to alteration 12.30 Olympics: Desmond Lyman reports from Barcelona; 1.00 Golf: Peter Alliss, Bruce Critchley, Alex Hay, Dave Marr, Clive Clark, Mike Hughesdon and Roddy Carr commentate on the final round of the 131st Open championship from Muirfield (a) (94707797)



The voice of cricket: the late John Arlott (6.45pm)

6.45 Remembering Arlott. Ian Wooldridge narrates a multi-faceted tribute to the veteran cricket commentator and wine lover who died last December (r) (8882180)
7.15 Life on Earth: Theme and Variations. David Attenborough discovers some of the remarkable differences between mammals, from specialist insect-eaters to whales and dolphins (211426)
8.10 Talking Heads: Bed Among the Lentils
• CHOICE: It is entirely characteristic of Alan Bennett's vision of how theatre can stand up on its head, that in this hilarious and sad monologue by a vicar's wife (Maggie Smith), she describes how she found her own God and her own fulfilment in the unlikeliest of places — the shop, and the bed, of her local Asian grocer. What is more, she is probably the only clergyman's spouse in fiction ever to question why she should have to attend church services when solicitors' wives aren't expected to go to court, and to knock back the entire supply of her husband's communion wine and replace it with cheap mixture. How subtle of Bennett to delay alerting us to this humiliated wife's addiction until we glimpse the empty sherry glass (r). (Ceefax) (6081919)
9.00 A Salute to Alvin Alley. Judith Jamison, director of and former dancer with the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, introduces a tribute to the American choreographer, dancer and director. In this dance special his company perform two of his works, *Witness*, a dance solo performed by Marilyn Banks, and *For Bird with Love*, a tribute to Charlie Parker (s) (170567)
9.55 Film: Alligator (1980). Spook thriller about a pet baby alligator flushed down the toilet that grows to giant proportions. Directed by Lewis Teague. (Ceefax) (5323639)
11.25 Film: Q — The Winged Serpent (1982) starring David Carradine, Michael Moriarty and Richard Roundtree. An Aztec god reincarnated as a huge flying serpent terrifies the good citizens of New York from its perch on top of the Chrysler building. Directed by Larry Cohen. (Ceefax) (6020688)
1.05am The Night Stalker. American series starring Darren McGavin as an investigative reporter with an interest in the supernatural (5180-466). Ends at 2.00

portrait of adolescence (27221)
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SKY MOVIES+

• Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites
6.00am Showbiz (55221)
8.00 Star's Treasure (1975). Divers search for sunken treasure (41884)
10.00 Silence of the North (1981). Wilderness adventure (77744)
12.00 No Means No (1988). A sensitive

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THE MOVIE CHANNEL
• Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites
6.15am The Skin Game (1992). Blood lust from two feuding underground fighters (21457)
8.15 Deadly Dream (1971). Scientist Lloyd Bridges is harassed (410567)
10.15 Island Sons (1937). Four brothers sail to the South Seas in search of their father (21457)
12.30pm Spiders — Invasion Earth 2150 AD (1985). Peter Cushing stars as the man-hopping Doctor Who (769345)
2.15 Bonnie Prince Charlie (1948). David Niven plays the legendary pretender to the throne (7821019)

11.50 Last Exit to Brooklyn. Drama set against the labour strike of 1934 (21457)
1.35am Nitro (1990). A teenager is trained as an assassin (146251)
3.35 Talk Radio (1989). Eric Bogosian plays an acidic radio talk-show host (762591) Ends at 5.25

THE COMEDY CHANNEL
• Via the Astra satellite
4.00pm Film: Into the Blue (1990). b/w starring Michael Wlding (6906) 10.00 Here's

2.00 3.00am Last Dance (41556)

THE EUROPEAN CHANNEL
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- 6.35 Open University: The Cornflake Story 7.00 Maths: Non-Euclidean Geometry (9903 147)
 7.25 News and weather (1039728)
 7.30 Hollyoaks: The happy few (r) (6332091) 7.50 Babar. Cartoon adventures with the royal elephant (r) (6323767) 8.15 The Jetsons: Fun with the space-age family (1142079) 8.35 Round the Twist. Australian fantasy series. (Ceefax) (r) (2512876)
 9.00 Parallel. 9. Danni Minogue and Shakespeare's Sister join Roddy Maude-Roxby, Helen Atkins, Jenny Holt, Dominic McHale and Kevin Williams (s) (23012370)
 10.55 Film: The Pinchedife Grand Prix (1975). Puppet animation about an epic race. Directed by Ivo Caprino (4064128)
 12.20 Cartoon featuring Betty Boop (5134418) 12.27 Weather (5142437)
 12.30 Grandstand introduced by Steve Rider from Murfield. The line-up is (subject to alteration): 12.30, 1.05, 1.25, 2.05 and 2.25 Golf; round three of the Open championship; Formula 1; 1.45, 2.05, 2.25, 3.05, 3.30 Olympics: Desmond Lynam reports from Barcelona a week before the opening of the 25th Olympic Games; 1.00 News; 1.25, 1.55 and 2.25 Racing from Newbury; live coverage of the Arlington International Race Course Stakes (1.30); the Moto Donington Castle Stakes (2.00); and the Newbury Sales Super Sprint Trophy (2.30) (6782673)
 5.00 News and weather (5985654) 5.10 Regional news (2534741)
 5.15 The Royal Tournament. Eric Robson commentates on the display from Earls Court. This year the show is introduced by the Marquess of Bath (r) (715857)
 6.05 Coronation Street (422370)
 6.30 That Showbiz Business. June Whitfield, Kevin Day, Amanda Barrie and Annabel Giles join Mike Smith for another round of the entertainment quiz. (Ceefax) (s) (401)
 7.00 Keeping Up Appearances. Patricia Routledge stars as the indomitable snob in Roy Clarke's comedy Hyacinth and Richard is asked to intervene when daddy goes on the rampage dressed as a spaceman (r). (Ceefax) (s) (67689)

7.30 Growing Pains: I'm Old Fashioned. The final part of the gentle family drama series starring Ray Brooks and Sharon Duce as foster-parents to a vast array of troubled children. When Tom and Pat return from a successful weekend away they discover that Jason has returned to his mother. (Ceefax) (s) (565418)

8.20 Casualty: Allegiance. Penultimate episode of the gritty drama set in a fictitious city hospital. One of tonight's cases is the wife of a philandering MP who is injured by an over-eager tabloid photographer (r). (Ceefax) (s) (122387)

9.10 News with John Humphrys. (Ceefax) Sport and weather (503437)



Nosy Parker: Daryl Hannah with Steve Martin (9.30pm)

9.30 Film: Roxanne (1987)
 CHOICE By rights, Steve Martin's updating to late 20th-century small-town America of Edmond Rostand's Cyrano de Bergerac, set in France in the mid-17th, shouldn't work. But it does; most of the time, anyway. The poignancy and poetry have largely gone in Martin's screenplay, and the comedy has been pumped up. Pumped is the operative word because, in Fred Schepisi's film, the updated Cyrano (Steve Martin) and Christian (Rick Rossovich) are no longer soldiers but firemen, and the updated Roxanne (Daryl Hannah) is an astronomer. Still present — and very much so — is the celebrated nose, and its owner is still the prissy worder. The second most famous balcony scene in history has not been cut, although it does look and sound most peculiar in a modern setting. (Ceefax) (r) (632575)

11.15 Film: Hustle (1975). Surt Reynolds and Catherine Deneuve star in this modern-day film noir. A police lieutenant and his prostitute girlfriend conspire to escape their violent worlds, but a brutal murder case dramatically affects their lives. Directed by Robert Aldrich. (Ceefax) (s) (732575)

1.10am Weather (7915180):

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SKY ONE

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